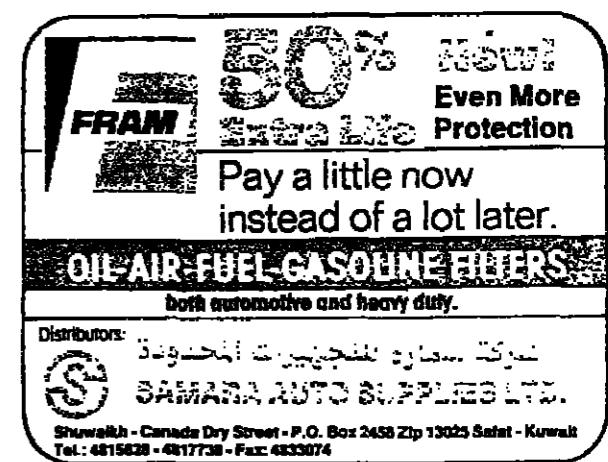




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## Israel won't attack Iraq: Hamad

KUWAIT, April 13: Israel will not launch any attack on Iraq as the scenario of the Arabs has undergone a radical transformation and their unity is no longer easily divisible by Israel and its two supporting powers Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force told Ahmed Al Jarrah, Editor-in-Chief of the Arab Times in an exclusive interview.

Sheikh Hamad, elucidating, said that all indicators reflect this view as geographically,

Iraq occupies a vast area of land, is not located in close proximity to Israel and consequently Israel will not be able to occupy any Iraqi lands or to contain aggression as it will not be able to determine which locations should be attacked.

Nevertheless, even denying these undeniable factors, the question warrants answering as to what the Iraqi reaction will be in the eventuality that Israel does make a mistake and attack.

Iraq has just emerged victorious from a war in which her enemy was better manned and equip-

ped and has the proven expertise and its defences are of a sophisticated nature, the Crown Prince said.

He went on to state that with this back-drop, consideration should be given that in the past those interested in parts of the Middle East that belong to the Arab tried to apply the "Divide and Rule" policy and succeeded with Israel as an active accomplice.

However, with the advent of the nineties, the Arab world has been witnessing a massive wave

of cohesion as embodied in the return of Egypt to the Arab fold, the emergence of the GCC, ACC and Maghreb Co-operation Council.

In conclusion, Sheikh Hamad said: "This factual overview of the Arab state of affairs leads me to believe that Israel will desist from considering the possibility of an attack on Iraq."

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## Bitter words may stoke fear of war

5 Pakistani, one Indian soldiers killed; reinforcement reported

NEW DELHI, April 13. (Agencies): India does not want a war with Pakistan over disputed Kashmir because a war would endanger the democratic government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, a top Indian official said today.

"Nobody wants a war," said the official, who asked not to be identified.

"But if they do try something, they'll get hammered. Boy, would they get hammered. And this has been conveyed to the other side," the official said in an interview.

The two countries have downplayed border skirmishes in Kashmir where bitter words

over an anti-Indian uprising have stoked fears of war.

Indian Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh told Pakistan this week it could not wrest Jammu and Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state, away without a war and India would make it pay a heavy price if it tried.

The United News of India said five Pakistani soldiers and one Indian were killed in border skirmishes yesterday. The Indian Defence Ministry said it could not confirm the report.

"It may have happened, but I have no confirmation here," a ministry spokesman said. "In any case, such incidents often take place and a new one would be nothing unusual."

In Islamabad, a military source said one Indian soldier had been hit in a skirmish, but the source, too, said this was nothing out of the ordinary in a Kashmir sector where exchanges of fire occur almost daily.

An surviving that started in Indian-held Kashmir in mid-January provoked accusations from Delhi that the militants leading it were being armed and trained by Pakistan.

Islamabad denies the charge. It occasionally counters with accusations that India is behind the sporadic unrest in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city.

The Indian official, an influential member of Singh's minority government, said that was not true.

"They've been causing trouble for us in Punjab and Kashmir," he said. "We have an even far greater capability to cause them trouble inside Pakistan. But we haven't, and we won't, because we don't want to do anything that would undermine Benazir's democracy in Pakistan," he said.

An Indian spokesman denied any unusual troop movements on the Indian side of the demarcation line.

"All the movements going on are normal for the time of year. As the snow melts (in the high Himalayan passes) we take the opportunity to rotate our troops. It's nothing more than that."

Intelligence sources in Jammu and Kashmir state, said yesterday that New Delhi was reinforcing its position on the demarcation line and moving up equipment, including anti-aircraft guns.

Military sources in New Delhi said there was added concern in the Indian capital because Pakistan had moved radar closer to the Kashmir dividing line two months ago.

Diplomatic sources said they had been assured by the highest levels of the New Delhi government that India had no plans to start a war.

But they said that with the long history of enmity between the two countries and the current furore over Kashmir, any miscalculation could easily spark a new conflict.

Pakistan government today rejected Indian claims that five Pakistani soldiers were killed in a gunbattle along a disputed border between India and Pakistan.

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Iraq hotly denied the allegations and said the cylinders were precision piping for its petroleum industry.

Sheffield Forgemasters, which made the castings, said that they were for a gun the order would have been "the biggest gun job in the history of arms manufacture."

British customs confiscated the sections just weeks after seizing US electrical components bound for Baghdad which could be used as nuclear triggers.

Iraq, which executed British-based journalist Farzad Bazoft last month on spying charges, said the moves were part of a "feverish orchestrated campaign" against it by Britain and Israel.

Political sources expected the seizure to be discussed by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and US President George Bush when they met in Bermuda today.

British press reports connected the alleged gun project with Canadian scientist Gerald Bull, a gunnery expert who was shot dead in Brussels last month.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Tribals bomb Indian trains

NEW DELHI, April 13, (Reuter): Bodo tribal militants derailed two passenger trains with bombs in the northeast Indian state of Assam and killed at least 15 people, the United News of India agency reported today.

It said more than 50 people were injured when two time bombs blew up railway tracks in Assam's Kokrajhar district last night.

The Press Trust of India put the toll at 13 but quoted official sources as saying it could go higher.

At least 22 people were killed yesterday by Bodo bombs. Earlier, a bomb which police said was detonated by remote control blew up a truck, killing seven people and injuring 10.

Assam is one of the most important tea-growing areas of India, the world's biggest tea producer and exporter.

The state's land links to the rest of India were cut after suspected Bodo guerrillas blew up a bridge on the main highway and railway authorities suspended all traffic into and out of Assam, the agencies added.

The bombings marked a new peak in the long-running Bodo fight for their own state within India.

In Calcutta, tea industry sources said a spate of killings and kidnappings by another militant group had created panic among Assam growers.

On Monday suspected members of the secessionist United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) ambushed and killed Surrendra Paul, chairman of a large tea company.

Paul was shot dead as he drove around tea gardens owned by his company in Assam.

Police in Gauhati, the Assam capital, said it was not certain the killers belonged to the ULFA, which has claimed responsibility for previous killings of business men.

## Filipino officials discuss reports of plot to topple Aquino

MANILA, April 13, (AP): Senior commanders huddled yesterday to discuss the situation in the furtive armed forces after the Cabinet was warned of a new plot to topple President Corazon Aquino.

Meanwhile, the United States urged its nationals in the Philippines to be alert against terrorism during the remainder of Easter week.

Rumours of a new coup attempt before Easter this Sunday have been

sweeping the capital for weeks. Intelligence sources have said renegade leaders of the December coup attempt have stepped up recruiting in military camps in preparation for a new strike.

The closed-door command conference took place after several generals flew earlier yesterday to provincial military garrisons to assess sentiment in their ranks.

Reporters who traveled to Davao

City with Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Rodolfo Diaz said soldiers complained about Aquino's alleged lack of leadership, factionalism in the armed forces and pay and living conditions.

Soldiers also voiced dissatisfaction with alleged favouritism in Aquino's recent appointment of Brig. Gen. Cesar Nazareno as chief of the Philippine Constabulary. Nazareno was not the most senior candidate for the

post but is close to Aquino's influential brother, Rep. Jose Cojuangco.

On Wednesday, Rep. Ramon Mitra, speaker of the House of Representatives, told reporters that military officials briefed the cabinet about "the report of yet another coup d'etat."

Mitra did not elaborate, but government sources said military officials were taking reports of a new coup plot seriously.

"The cabinet was given assurance that ... they (will) take immediate and decisive action if there is any indication of another coup attempt," Mitra said.

National Security Adviser Rafael Ileto, a retired general, said military rebels may stage attacks to worsen the already critical electricity shortage in Manila and surrounding Luzon Island.

"We will see to it that all power

plants are well-guarded," he said. The 8 million residents of metropolitan Manila have been suffering with daily power outages of several hours because of lack of generating equipment and a drought which has reduced the capability of hydroelectric stations.

The State Department, however, warned Americans traveling to the Philippines that there is a continued danger of terrorist attacks there.

# War fears rise

## Dangerous period

### Kashmir row

NEW DELHI, April 13, (Reuter): India and Pakistan both say they do not want to fight a third war over Kashmir, but increasingly heated rhetoric over the disputed Himalayan region is creating rumors of fear that they might stumble into one.

"We are assured by both sides that the last thing they want or need is another war," said one Western ambassador in Delhi on Thursday.

"But the temperature has risen markedly this week and has heightened the risk that misplaced words or a border skirmish could set off a war," he said. "I have to say that we are concerned."

Predominantly Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan have been bitter enemies for most of their 43 years of independence. Two of the three wars they have fought were over Kashmir.

A secessionist uprising in Jammu and Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state, where more than 200 people have been killed since violence erupted in mid-January, quickly wiped out recent improvements of relations.

"Now they are like a couple of angry dogs circling each other, each hoping they can slide away without losing face but ready to fight if they have to," said a senior Asian envoy.

India accuses Pakistan of arming and training Kashmiri militants in the one-third of the region it controls. Islamabad denies the charge, saying Indian neglect of Jammu and Kashmir provoked the uprising.

Each accuses the other of fueling war scares. Each has a relatively weak government.

Prime Minister Benazir Butto,

ISLAMABAD, April 13, (Reuter): Military tension between India and Pakistan over Kashmir, which has sparked war fears, could deepen over the next few weeks because of a potentially explosive combination of religion, politics and weather changes.

The onset of spring in the mountains of Kashmir, the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan and polls in Pakistan-controlled Azad (free) Kashmir could be a dangerous mix.

Once the snow melts on the higher mountain passes, more people are expected to escape an Indian crackdown on a Muslim revolt in Indian Kashmir to join more than 5,000 who have already fled to Pakistan, officials say.

Elections for the semi-autonomous Azad Kashmir Assembly next month are likely to raise the political temperature, while the end of Ramadan at the end of April is often marked by an upsurge in violence in Pakistan.

The result, according to Azad Kashmir President Sardar Abdal Qayum, could be a fourth war between India and Pakistan.

"I think anything could happen. It will continue to escalate and that can lead to a military showdown," he said in an interview.

"I think the period from now until the end of August will be very crucial," an Indian official source said.

Western diplomats in Pakistan say the chances of war are real but the danger is not imminent. The note that there have been periods of worse tension between the two countries that were resolved peacefully.

Indian Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh warned this week that Pakistan could not wrest Muslim Kashmir without a war and India would make it pay a heavy price.

Singh's statement, his strongest yet over Kashmir, sparked fresh fears of a conflict and prompted at least one Western embassy in Islamabad to advise staff to stock up with food and other essentials.

"At the moment I would say it is 50-50," a senior Pakistani army officer said.

"I think that there is a strong possibility of war."

Pakistan's army chief General Mirza Aslam Beg accused India this week of deploying a strike corps of up to 100,000 men in the Rajasthan desert within 80 km (50 miles) of the border.

daughter of executed Pakistan leader Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, only a narrow parliamentary majority and faces a strong opposition on the right determined to bring her down.

Her Indian counterpart, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, heads a minority government, supported in parliament by a right-wing Hindu party and leftist groups.

"Neither can afford to let up

on the rhetoric and give domestic opponents the argument that they are being weak. Dangerous stuff, this," a Western diplomat said.

Indian analysts said Benazir, prodded by a Pakistani press portraying India's tough action against Kashmiri militants as a Hindu war against Muslims, was the more vulnerable and had to risk higher-octane words.

## US will look for other base sites

SINGAPORE, April 13, (UPI): A US congressional delegation visiting Singapore yesterday warned the Philippine government that alternative sites will be available "if the price is too high" to renew leases on critical military bases there.

Representative Patricia Schroeder, Democrat of Colorado, welcomed Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew's offer to allow the United States to expand its use of aviation and port facilities in Singapore.

"The United States can protect its interests in the region without all the facilities we now utilise in the Philippines," she said.

Prior to departing for Bangkok, Schroeder, who was leading the delegation on the five-nation tour, said, "we would prefer to stay in the Philippines. But if that becomes impossible or too expensive, the United States will not, in any way, be weakened by having to leave."

Exploratory talks to determine whether to hold formal negotiations on the future of giant Clark Air Base and Subic Bay naval complex — Washington's oldest and largest overseas facilities — are to begin May 14 in Manila amid mounting pressure against their continued presence.

## Bitter words may stoke fear of war

(Continued from Page 1) across the ceasefire line dividing the troubled state of Kashmir, killing one Indian and five Pakistanis.

Pakistan's English-language newspaper today reported of the shooting deaths of two Muslim militants.

The newspaper said Indian troops gunned down two militants, whom them described as "freedom fighters" outside the Indian city of Srinagar.

A radical Muslim group campaigning for Kashmir's independence from India yesterday pronounced a "death sentence" on Jammu and Kashmir state Governor Jagmohan.

A spokesman of the Hizb-ul-Mujahideen militant group said in Srinagar its ulama (priests) council had passed the death sentence on Jagmohan because Indian security forces had let loose a "reign of terror."

Indian security forces launched a massive manhunt last week after militants seized a university vice-chancellor, general manager of a state-run factory and a third person.

All three were killed on Tuesday after the state government refused to free three jailed militants in exchange for the kidnapped men.

On Wednesday authorities sealed all exit points from Srinagar, summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, and intensified house-to-house searches.

Pakistan expressed deep regret on Wednesday at what it called India's "heliocentric" threat of war over Kashmir and the army chief of staff warned of Indian military intimidation.

The Foreign Ministry said Indian prime minister's threat on Tuesday to make Pakistan pay a heavy price for interfering in Kashmir was a measure of New Delhi's mounting desperation in the face of a Muslim uprising in the region.

Army Chief of Staff General Mirza Aslam Beg said India had deployed its strike force within 80 km (50 miles) of the border in the Rajasthan desert and called it an act of intimidation.

He told a conference of corps commanders in Rawalpindi that the Indian action was most threatening and Pakistan had to take measures to counter it, the official APP news agency reported.

The violence occurred on the eve of Singh's visit to Amritsar, site of the Sikh Golden Temple and a centre of



Nailed to the cross

Filipino penitents were nailed to crosses Friday as Asia's only predominantly Christian nation marked the crucifixion of Jesus.

About a dozen people were nailed to crosses in several communities of central Luzon Island, including a woman

faith healer who marked her 14th Good Friday "crucifixion."

Picture shows a Filipino dressed as a Roman centurion hammering a nail into the palm of Chito Sahagang during re-enactment of Jesus Christ's Crucifixion in Barrio Olmedo, north of Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

## 'Nobody is indispensable'

Mother Teresa

## Living saint

CALCUTTA, April 13, (UPI): Nobel Laureate Mother Teresa affirmed yesterday that her poor health and advanced age prompted her to ask to be relieved as head of the charitable order she founded 40 years ago, saying "nobody is indispensable in this world."

"I want to resign because of my failing health and growing age," the 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun told United Press International in a telephone interview hours after first declining to comment on a Vatican announcement Wednesday that her wish had been granted by Pope John Paul II.

"I sought the permission of the Holy Father some time ago to resign, but I do not remember the date," said Mother Teresa, who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for the work performed for the destitute and dying by her Missionaries of Charity order.

Mother Teresa, who has suffered coronary problems for the past several years, in September was admitted in a Calcutta hospital after her condition deteriorated. She was released after more than a month, with

doctors hoping to control her ailment with drugs.

Doctors advised her to restrict her activities.

But despite the warning,

Mother Teresa resumed her busy

life, saying in a meeting last month with Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasir Arafat that she planned to visit occupied Jerusalem and Bethlehem later this year.

Lanka terms for Saarc summit

CALCUTTA, April 13, (Reuter): Mother Teresa, whose resignation from her charitable order was announced on Wednesday, brought hope and dignity to millions of poor, unwanted people with a simple message: "The poor must know that we love them."

To followers who regard her as a living saint, the tiny nun says with disarmingly simplicity that she is only doing God's work.

The work that Mother Teresa began 40 years ago in the slums of Calcutta, India's poorest and most populous city, grew to touch the hearts of people of all religions in as many as 80 countries.

The gentle but energetic missionary who was awarded the Nobel peace prize in 1979 said: "It gives me great joy and fulfillment to love and care for the poor and neglected. The poor do not need our sympathy and pity. They need our love and compassion."

The Vatican said on Wednesday that Mother Teresa, fated with a heart pacemaker last December, had resigned for health reasons as superior of her Missionaries of Charity order which runs more than 400 homes around the world for the needy.

Mother Teresa believes that apart from poverty and hunger, the world's major problems are loneliness and neglect.

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## BA bid Phone calls from skies

WASHINGTON, April 13 (Kuwait): Business passengers on a lone British Airways 747 jet are taking advantage of a new convenience: Telephone calls from the skies.

From their cabin telephones, passengers' conversations in the experimental programme are beamed up to a satellite in space, then down to almost any place on earth.

Standard radio communications — around since the advent of the air age — is cheap. But it does not carry too far and is blockable by bad weather.

The satellite link-up eliminates these problems but it is very costly (about \$10 a minute).

Many analysts believe airplane phones will become common and much less expensive in coming years. But others told the Washington Post there will never be a wide appeal except among some business passengers or government people who need to stay in constant touch with the ground.

Using the same satellite technology, pilots hope soon to be able to contact ground controllers from much farther away.

## Always at right time

BOSTON, April 13 (AP): For the world traveller, or for those who just never have enough time, comes a new invention: A watch designed to fool the wearer into thinking he's always at the right time, even between time zones.

And with hands that can be speeded up or slowed down, the watch does have its other uses, its inventor says. Time can fly during a club party, or crawl for a fun date.

The thing to avoid is having a very boring conversation on a west-bound trip, because your watch is already running slower, and if the person next to you is bringing the pants off you, you're in trouble," said Ross Mitchell, a 38-year-old computer systems consultant who recently patented the watch.

On the other hand, Mitchell said, "if you're going eastbound, you can tolerate someone who's not holding your interest, 'because time is running fast.'

With a regular watch, a traveller who boards a plane at 8 am in Boston would travel six hours to get to Los Angeles, where his watch would read 2 pm, until he set it back three hours to match local time.

The traveller who wears the accumulator watch, however, punches in the time at a destination and the hours to be spent in flight.

Then, on a westbound flight, the hands would move half as fast as real time, reverting to normal time-keeping upon arrival. For eastbound travellers, the watch would go 50 per cent faster than normal time.

Mitchell dreamed up the accumulator during his numerous business trips.

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# High survival rate in early ovarian cancer

BOSTON, April 13 (UPI): Women with early ovarian cancer who receive expert care have a much better chance of surviving than previously thought, the largest study of the disease so far concluded.

Ovarian cancer patients whose tumour is found early apparently also can avoid chemotherapy following surgical removal of their tumours without reducing their chances of survival, the study found.

The results "finally give us the handle that we've needed in treating early stage ovarian cancer," said Dr. Harrison Ball of New England Medical Centre in Boston, who participated in the research.

Previously there had no standard approach, said

Ball.

There are about 20,000 new cases of ovarian cancer and 12,000 deaths from the disease nationally each year. The disease, which affects one in 70 women, has the highest fatality rate of any cancer of the female reproductive tract. It was responsible for the death last year of comedienne Gilda Radner.

In about 2,500 of the new cases, the disease has not spread beyond the ovaries. In another 3,500, it has spread but is still confined within the pelvic cavity.

In the new study, among those women whose cancer had not spread beyond the ovaries and who underwent meticulous medical evaluation, the five-

year survival rate exceeded 90 per cent, said Dr. Robert Young, president of the Fox Chase Cancer Centre in Philadelphia.

Previously published survival rate for such patients ranged between 50 and 70 per cent, Young said.

In another group of women whose tumour had spread beyond the ovaries, but was limited to the pelvis or had not spread but was not well confined, researchers found a five-year survival rate of 80 per cent. That was substantially above previous estimates ranging between 38 per cent and 60 per cent.

In addition, the study found no difference in long-term survival between women with cancer limited to the ovaries who underwent chemotherapy and those who received no treatment beyond surgery.

"Prior to this study, it was not possible to know which patients required additional treatment and which did not, and what treatment was most effective," said Young, co-author of a report which appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine.

He predicted the study results will have an immediate impact on the way that doctors treat women with early ovarian cancer.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



Julio Gonzalez (centre) is arraigned on murder and arson charges concerning the Bronx social club fire on March 25, in New York on Wednesday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Arsonist pleads 'not guilty'

### Charged of murder in NY club fire

NEW YORK, April 13 (UPI): A man accused of torching the Happy Land Social Club in a fit of jealousy was arraigned on 174 counts of murder — two for each of the 87 victims that died in the smoky blaze.

Julio Gonzalez, 36, a Cuban immigrant, pleaded "not guilty" in Spanish before Justice Burton Roberts in state supreme court in the Bronx.

But William Ackley, son of owner Helen Ackley, decided to charge media members \$50,000 to attend the hearing.

"We felt we were exploited. We were getting tired of the hassles and headaches," Ackley said Monday. (AP)

NEW YORK: Fans and curiosity-seekers, who packed a Bette Davis auction, Wednesday marvelled at some precious prizes, including a crystal drawing of the star that fetched \$23,100.

The 16-by-20 inch (40-by-50-centimetre) drawing by designer Edith Head depicted a black-gowned Miss Davis in the movie "All About Eve." The picture, whose pre-sale estimate was \$1,200 to \$1,800, and other items from the late actress' estate attracted lively bidding at the William Doyle galleries in Manhattan.

The entire sale had been expected to bring up to \$103,000, but the final tally was \$221,336, according to Lewis Wehr, a spokesman for the gallery. (AP)

SANTA MONICA, California: Singer Olivia Newton-John, well known for her environmental activism, is damaging a stretch of the California coastline, her Malibu neighbours charged in a superior court civil complaint.

Miss Newton-John and her husband, actor Matt Lattanzi, have removed tonnes of dirt and sand since last July in preparation for

building a home overlooking Escondido beach.

Angry neighbours say huge amounts of dirt, sand and debris have been dumped into the ocean and have polluted the water and washed up on their property.

The Seal Beach Estates Homeowners Association filed a civil complaint in Santa Monica superior court last week, seeking an undisclosed amount of compensation and an injunction to prevent further harm to the coastline. (AP)

BOSTON: A fifth of vodka goes a long way. Adil Alton Hamza drank most of one in Boston and woke up in a cargo plane on his way to Ypsilanti, Michigan.

"I'm drunk," he told Michigan state police officers when he walked off the four-engine Lockheed Electra at Willow Run airport in Ypsilanti early Wednesday morning.

The troopers were there because the pilot, started in mid-flight by the appearance of Hamza radioed that he had a stowaway.

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# Dayne on top of US charts

NEW YORK, April 13, (AP): Taylor Dayne's "Love Will Lead You Back" made it to one position among best selling single records in the first week. The disc was in second position a week ago.

"I'll Be Your Favorite" by Tommy Page topped two notched to second spot on the Cash Box magazine chart, and "All Around The World" by Lisa Stansfield moved from fifth to third.

The top 10 singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. 2) Love Will Lead You Back — Taylor Dayne (1st).

2. 4) I Want Everything —

3. 5) All Around The World — Lisa

Stansfield (Arista).

4. 3) I Wish It Would Rain — Phil

Collins (Atlantic).

5. 1) Black Velvet — All'anah

Myles (Atlantic).

6. 6) Don't Fall In Love —

Jane Child (Warner Brothers).

7. 10) Nothing Compares To You —

Sinead O'Connor (Chrysalis).

8. 10) Get Up Before The Night Is Over — Electron (SBK).

10. 12) Forever — Kiss (Mercury Polygram).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. 2) Love On Arrival — Dan Seals (Capitol).

2. 4) Walkin', Talkin', Cryin' —

Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).

3. 1) Here In The Real World —

Alan Jackson (Arista).

4. 5) Help Me Hold On — Travis

Travis (Warner Brothers).

5. 9) Walkin' Away — Cleo Black (RCA).

6. 7) I'm Over You — Keith

Whitley (RCA).

7. 8) If Looks Could Kill — Rodney

Crowell (Columbia).

8. 3) Hard Rock Bottom — Randy

Travis (Warner Brothers).

9. 11) The Domino Theory — Steve

Wariner (MCA).

10. 13) I Watched It All (On My

Radio) — Lionel Richie (MCA).

And in London, Snap attained its

first place on the British pop singles chart again this week with their new hit "The Power," while Madonna's "Vogue" jumped up five spots to second position.

Step On Happy Mondays moved up one spot to third, and Alannah

Myles broke into the top 10 with "Black

Velvet" in fourth spot. Kingston Town by UB40 rounded out the top five, moving up from 15th place.

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by

Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's positions in parentheses:

1. 1) The Power — Snap (Arista).

2. 4) Vegas Madonna (Sire).

3. 4) Step On — Happy Mondays (Factory).

4. 15) Black Velvet — Alannah

Myles (Atlantic).

5. 21) Kingston Town — UB40 (Dep International).

6. 2) Strawberry Fields Forever —

Candy Flip (Debut).

7. 3) Love Shack — B-52's (Reprise).

8. 8) Don't Miss The Partyline —

Bizz Nizz (Coletta).

9. 5) Lily Was Here — David A.

Stewart and Candy Dulfer (Anton).

10. 11) Ghetto Heaven — Family

Stand (Atlantic).

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## World News Roundup

## America

**Premeditated murder:** A jury on Thursday convicted a mild-mannered accountant and former Sunday school teacher of the premeditated murder of his wife, mother and three children in their suburban mansion 18 years ago.

John E. List, 64, had admitted the killing, but his attorney sought a verdict of second-degree murder, which carries a 30-year maximum sentence and possible parole after a third of the term.

Instead, the jury found List guilty of five counts of first-degree murder, an offence that carries a life term with no parole until after 15 years. (AP)

**Innocent by reason of insanity:** A Milwaukee judge ruled on Thursday that a woman was insane when she tried to kill a man in what was portrayed as a ritual honouring Jack the Ripper.

Deborah Karmek, 27, was ordered sent to a psychiatric hospital by Circuit Judge William D. Gardner after he found her innocent by reason of insanity. She had been charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide.

A jury earlier on Thursday convicted her of the charge; the judge decided whether she should be sent to prison or a psychiatric hospital. (AP)

**Governor pleads guilty:** Former West Virginia Gov. Arch A. Moore could serve up to 36 years in prison for kickbacks, coverups and other crimes after pleading guilty to federal charges on Thursday in Charleston.

His democratic successor, Gov. Gaston Caperton, said Moore's decision on Thursday to plead guilty to five federal charges helps explain the state's current severe financial woes. Moore, a Republican, served three terms in the heavily Democratic state.

"I am confident that West Virginians will realize that not only did I inherit a government that was financially bankrupt, but ethically bankrupt as well," Caperton said. (AP)

**Soul singer Brown moved:** Soul singer James Brown starts a new phase of his prison term Thursday as he moved to a work-release centre after serving 15 months of a six-year sentence for aggravated assault, a corrections official said in Columbia, South Carolina.

Brown will work for the Aiken-Barnwell county community action commission, making speeches to young people about not using illegal drugs and alcohol, said Francis X. Archibald, a spokesman for the State Department of Corrections.

Brown, 56, left the State Park Correctional Centre in Columbia and arrived at the Lower Savannah Work Centre near Aiken, Archibald said. (AP)

**Ex-circus razor eater convicted:** A former circus performer who prosecutors said can swallow and regurgitate sharp objects at will was convicted of slapping a jail guard. The blade was never found.

Benjamin Carnesolts, 36, was convicted on Tuesday in Lee's Summit, Missouri, of assault for cutting the neck of municipal corrections institutions officer John Wickizer on Oct. 29. The injury required about nine stitches.

The defence said a reasonable doubt existed because no one found the razor blade. (AP)

**Treasure trial continues:** Nearly 133 years after the SS Central America sank in a hurricane, a second storm is churning up over who has claim to its cargo of gold ingots, coins and passengers' fortunes estimated at up to \$1 billion in Norfolk, Virginia.

A lawsuit to establish whether the treasure had ever been abandoned originally pitted the Columbus-America Discovery Group, a group of 100 investors who used space-age technology to find the wreck, and 45 insurance companies who claim rights to the treasure. (AP)

**Broadcaster Sevareid recollects:** Nearly 50 years ago, broadcaster Eric Sevareid saw Ronald Reagan on a Warner Brothers movie lot and immediately identified him as "Mr. America."

It was 1941, and as a reporter for then fledgling CBS News, Sevareid also met Warner Brothers stars like Gary Cooper and Marlene Dietrich. But Reagan most impressed him, Sevareid recalled on Monday night in a speech at central Missouri State University.

"You could see immediately he was the eagle scout, Mr. America," Sevareid said. (AP)

**Walsh vows to plough ahead:** Lawrence Walsh, special prosecutor in the Iran-Contra scandal, on Thursday professed weariness after the three-year investigation but vowed to plough ahead anyway.

Entire government agencies involved in the Iran arms sales and Contra aid schemes could be explored, he said. (Kun)

**Official tours detention centres:** A high-ranking federal immigration official toured a detention centre for illegal immigrants on Thursday amid allegations by detainees of beatings and sexual harassment.

"We take allegations of this nature seriously," said Mike Lemers, who oversees all camps operated by the US Immigration and Naturalization Services Camps. (AP)

**Quebec-US ties:** The American government listened in to conversations of the pro-separatist Parti Quebecois leader and ex-premier of Quebec René Lévesque when he took power in 1976.

And relations between the Parti Quebecois and the US government were so close that the US government was often told about key Quebec government decisions before Quebecers knew themselves. (Kun)

**Bush popular among blacks:** President George Bush is popular among US blacks, according to a poll released on Thursday in New York.

Bush got an approval rating of 56 per cent among blacks, far exceeding the 13 per cent that his predecessor, Ronald Reagan, got after about the same amount of time.

The poll was sponsored by the CBS Television Network and the New York Times newspaper. (AP)

**Toxins found in navy ventilations:** The US Navy has found PBC toxins in the ventilation systems of scores of its ships and submarines, it was disclosed on Wednesday.

An apparently classified navy message, obtained by a Bremer, Washington newspaper, refers to "extreme hazard" if the contaminated material in the vents is disturbed.

The material — present in commonly used gaskets — is said not to be harmful in itself. But it can be if high-temperature welding and cutting-torch work is done nearby, the internal navy message points out. (Kun)



Immersion record

French diver Pierre Bardina reads a magazine as he starts a world record immersion attempt in the Prado aquarium in Marseille, on Wednesday. Bardina hopes to spend five days under water and will be assisted by a team of scientists who will monitor an encephalogram. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Black Star Awarded

**WASHINGTON, April 13, (KUNA):** International airline pilots have awarded a "Black Star" to areas around seven US airports they say are among the world's worst.

The International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations (Ifala) meeting here, said the following cities were "critically deficient" in safety for their airports: Charlotte, North Carolina; Cleveland, Ohio; Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas; Los Angeles, California; Memphis, Tennessee and Phoenix, Arizona.

The pilots, who do not mention the airports themselves, charge the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) improperly manages the airspace around the seven airports.

The FAA and flight controllers, asked about the new "conflict resolution" system for keeping planes separated, told the Wall Street Journal it was working out pretty well.

The aviation officials said no one had been hurt since the still-experimental system was put into effect in 1988.



Hefner's son

Hugh and Kim Hefner show off their new son Marston Glenn on the day of his birth on April 9. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Europe

**TV to help avert air disaster:** British experts on Wednesday unveiled a new video television system which could avert air disasters by allowing pilots to see the outside of their aircraft.

The royal aircraft establishment said it had successfully tested a tiny camera, fitted to the tail of an airliner, which gave pilots a view of parts of the aircraft, such as wings and engines, which are normally invisible from the cockpit. (Reuter)

**Treatment of broken bones:** Every year 20,000 Britons are left with permanent disability due to inadequate treatment for broken bones, top British surgeons warned Thursday.

The British Orthopaedic Association (BOA) said a nation-wide survey of bone operations showed 20 per cent of patients, some 40,000 people, suffered avoidable complications or pain, it was pointed out. (Kun)

**German games board auctioned:** A 17th century German games board made of amber, with amber chessmen and checkers pieces, sold in London on Thursday for £30,000 pounds (\$54,200), a world auction record for any games board, Sotheby's said. (AP)

**Irish get tough on drunken drivers:** Convicted drunk drivers in Northern Ireland will have to pass another driving test before being allowed back behind the wheel and then drive at a restricted speed for a year, displaying a special car plate. (Reuter)

**Mayor wants symbol back:** The mayor of Venice called, Wednesday for the Winged Lion of St Mark, the city's symbol, to be returned to its column by the lagoon after an absence of nearly five years. (Reuter)

**Anti-graffiti paint:** Soccer hooligans intent on spraying Italy's art treasures with graffiti during this summer's World Cup may be in for a frustrating time.

Art conservation experts said on Wednesday they were studying a proposal to spray monuments, including Rome's colosseum, with a transparent anti-graffiti paint now in use on the London underground railway. (Reuter)

**Mammoth skeleton found:** Children hunting for wild asparagus in hills north of Rome on Thursday found the skeleton of a mammoth, the gigantic elephant that roamed Europe in prehistoric times.

Police quoted a Rome historian who examined the skeleton, found near the village of Rignano Flaminio, as saying it was between 600,000 and one million years old. (Reuter)

**Spanish poet wins world prize:** A Spanish poet won the Golden Wreath award Thursday at the world poetry festival in Struga, in the Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Justo Jorge Padron, a poet for 20 years, has written nine collections, of which the two most famous are "Circles of Hell" and "In Sunny Waters." (UPI)

**Convicted through ear impression:** A man accused of more than 30 break-ins was identified and convicted in court through ear imprints he left on the doors of burglarised apartments.

A Lausanne court Tuesday sentenced Gregore Roman, a 39-year-old Romanian exile, to three years in prison. (AP)

**CIA interested in Ziegler:** A Swiss daily Wednesday printed a copy of a letter sent by the national councillor, Jean Ziegler, to the President of Switzerland, Arnold Koller, informing him that two agents of the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) have attempted to extract information about him from the office of the attorney-general.

The letter, appearing in the Tribune de Genève, said "two agents of the North American CIA, the 'diplomats' Eric Carlson and James Gleeson, attach of the US mission to the United Nations in Geneva, have on several occasions asked the federal police and the attorney of the confederation for files concerning me." Ziegler stated that these files were finally handed to these agents. (Kun)

**Pope celebrates last supper:** Pope John Paul II washed the feet of 12 elderly priests on Thursday as he commemorated Christ's last Supper at a mass celebrated for thousands of people.

Earlier, he said Holy Thursday mass in St Peter's Basilica, leading some 2,000 clergymen in renewing their priestly vows. (AP)

**Review bluffs embarrasses paper:** A journalism student's review of a non-existent book embarrassed a leading newspaper, which missed the pun and printed it.

The review of a novel called "Surface" was about a future when writers no longer write books, only reviews, because people have become too superficial to read literary works.

It was written by Ulf Eliasson, a journalism student who had contributed before to Sweden's second-biggest morning daily, Goteborgsposten. (AP)

**Smog snitches calling in:** People in California who are angry about cars and trucks belching smoke are "snitching" on violators in record numbers, environmental officials say.

A state advertising campaign has encouraged Californians to call a "smog snitch" telephone hotline and report the license plate numbers of vehicles that spew large amounts of dark exhaust. (AP)

**No timetable on global warming:** The US government will call for broader research into the economic effects of global warming but propose no timetable for dealing with the issue at upcoming international talks, senior officials said on Thursday in Washington.

The two-day conference, which begins here on Tuesday, will bring together ministers from 17 countries as well as the European Economic Community for a discussion of the economic impact of global warming and what additional scientific data is needed. (AP)

**World ozone pollution may rise:** Average global levels of the air pollutant ozone may increase 21 per cent to 50 per cent by the year 2020, making local efforts to control the pollution harder, a study in New York suggests.

Ozone is a form of oxygen that plays both positive and negative effects. At high altitudes in the atmosphere it shields the Earth from solar rays that can promote skin cancer. But near the Earth's surface it is a pollutant that irritates sensitive lung tissues and harms crops. (AP)

**Gossiping girls:** Schoolgirl gossip in the Kinki region of western Japan is holding up rush-hour trains, the state railway operator said on Thursday.

The railway company said a survey showed the schoolgirls were regularly delaying departures by more than one minute.

Worried by the delays, the West Japan Railway Company has begun distributing 20,000 etiquette cards to high-school students urging them to be quicker boarding and leaving the trains.

In the picture giggling women hold up rail etiquette cards with heat-sensitive health checker panels — decorated with cute rabbit motifs — to measure one's temperature. The cards also have instructions on train boarding manner. (Reuter wirephoto)



Jeanne White and Elton John share a last moment with Ryan White at funeral services in Indianapolis. (Reuter wirephoto)



Singer Michael Jackson arrives at the funeral of Ryan White at the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. Jackson gave White a car and called himself Ryan's friend. (Reuter wirephoto)



Barbara Bush, wife of President Bush, attends the funeral of Ryan White in Indianapolis. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Teenager who helped change Aids attitudes

## Barbara attends funeral of White

**INDIANAPOLIS, April 13 (AP):** More than 1,500 friends and admirers, including first lady Barbara Bush and singer Michael Jackson, attended the funeral on Wednesday of Ryan White, a teen-ager who helped change attitudes about Aids in the United States.

Ryan and his family always believed there would be a miracle," the Rev. Raymond Probasco said in his eulogy. "But that didn't happen. I believe God gave us that miracle in Ryan. He healed a wounded spirit in the world and made it whole."

Singer Elton John, who had maintained a bedside vigil during Ryan's final week of life, led the congregation in singing a hymn, then accompanied himself as he sang his own composition, "Skyline Pigeon."

Probasco noted that many celebrities had

befriended Ryan during his struggle with Aids and his legal battle to attend public school. He said Ryan's life, like theirs, was also successful.

"He helped us to care and to believe that with God's help, nothing is impossible, even for a kid."

John, wearing a black sequined hat, served as a pallbearer with Los Angeles raiders football player Howie Long, talk-show host Phil Donahue and three local friends of Ryan: Tommy Hale, Leo Joseph and John Huffman.

White and his mother won a court battle to allow him to attend public school in Kokomo. He appeared on television talk shows and magazine covers and at Washington hearings as a spokesman for young sufferers of Aids. He later found friendship and acceptance when he attended Hamilton heights high school in Arcadia.

Probasco said on Wednesday in the Washington Post.

depopulated areas or inability to find successors to retiring priests, temple sources said. (Kun)

**Shells found five:** American soldiers on a routine training mission accidentally shelled the area around a bridge leading to the heavily fortified Korean border, US officials said. (Kun)

Five US and South Korean soldiers were wounded.

A bridge, frequently used by tourist buses, was destroyed, witnesses said. The bridge itself was undamaged in the incident, which occurred Wednesday. (AP)

**Kim's birthday:** Communist North Korea is swamped with sports meets, international arts festivals and other festive events this month celebrating the 73rd birthday of its leader, President Kim Il Sung, news reports said Thursday.

Yonhap, the South Korean news agency, said North Korea has invited about 100,000 tourists from 60 countries as part of the celebration of Kim's April 15 birthday. (AP)

**Venom export:** The owner of an Australian snake venom company said Thursday he has collected about 180 of the country's deadliest reptiles in a bid to break into the world market.

Peter Mirtzakis, owner of Venom Supplies, says the snakes have been collected at a research facility in the Barossa Valley near Adelaide, the capital of South Australia state. (AP)

**Elections soon:** Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said on Thursday that general elections would be held soon, although he gave no firm date.

Mahathir told reporters his 11-party coalition government had begun preparing a manifesto and election operations units in parliamentary seats would shortly be set up. (Reuter)

**Fugitive flees:** Swiss fugitive Bruno Manser who overstayed in Sarawak, a timber-rich state in east Malaysia to "champion" the cause of the nomadic Penans for almost six years has slipped out of the state and returned to Switzerland, according to a report today.

The report quoted a Zurich-based organization which calls itself "Society for Indigenous Peoples" as saying that Manser had given an interview to the Swiss media about his "adventure" in Borneo on his return to Zurich. (Kun)

**Leaking toilets:** China has launched a three-year campaign to stop the nation's toilets leaking, confident it has overcome the defiance of socialist plumbing.

Dripping toilet systems in countless Chinese homes were wasting 200 million tonnes of water a year, the official economic information newspaper said on Friday

## Castro to end bias against religious

HAVANA, April 13. (Agencies). Cuban President Fidel Castro has promised to end discrimination against Cuban Christians and other religious believers and work towards allowing them to join the country's ruling Communist Party.

"We're going to end this discrimination as soon as possible... that is the overwhelming feeling, without exception, in the party leadership," Castro told a meeting of the Cuban ecumenical council last week.

Detailed excerpts of the April 2 meeting were shown at length on state television on Monday and Tuesday.

But while making clear the party leadership wanted to end discrimination, the Cuban leader clearly appeared to condition this to a position of allegiance from Cuban Christians to the country's socialist system.

"On this basis of confidence, on this basis of principles of defence of the country and defence of the revolution... everything is possible," Castro said.

The ecumenical council groups all of the country's churches and faiths except the highest, the Roman Catholic church, whose relations with the communist government have been the most strained in the past.

Castro said it was unjust that Christians who were also patriotic Cubans should continue to be discriminated against in their work and daily lives and could not currently be members of the ruling Communist Party.

"This exclusion is a discrimination... the party should be for everyone, it is a right open to everyone," he said.

His comments indicated a further major move by the Cuban government to improve its relations with the country's religious groups. The Communist Party daily *Granma* on Wednesday called the meeting "a dialogue of brothers."

Cuba accused the United States on Wednesday of escalating its electronic war against the island by interfering with a Cuban television programme featuring Castro.

An official statement said a broadcast by the US-funded TV Marti interfered for 35 minutes with a programme on Cuba's state channel 13 in the early hours of Wednesday showing Castro meeting religious leaders last week.

"This morning's action represents an escalation that aggravates the situation created by TV Marti," the statement said.

Cuban officials declined to say whether or how Havana would retaliate. Castro has said Cuba will respond "blow for blow" for every escalation in the electronic war which began when TV Marti started test broadcasts last March 27.

**■ Panama:** An Army paratrooper 1st Sgt. Roberto Enrique Bryan has been charged with premeditated murder and aggravated assault stemming from incidents that allegedly occurred during the US invasion of Panama, army officials said Wednesday.

The charge is the most serious action taken by army officials against a soldier in the aftermath of the military operation, which was launched in December.

**■ Mexico:** The Indian campesino who first saw the virgin of Guadalupe will be beatified May 6 during Pope John Paul II's visit to Mexico, cardinal Ernesto Contrario Ahumada said Thursday.

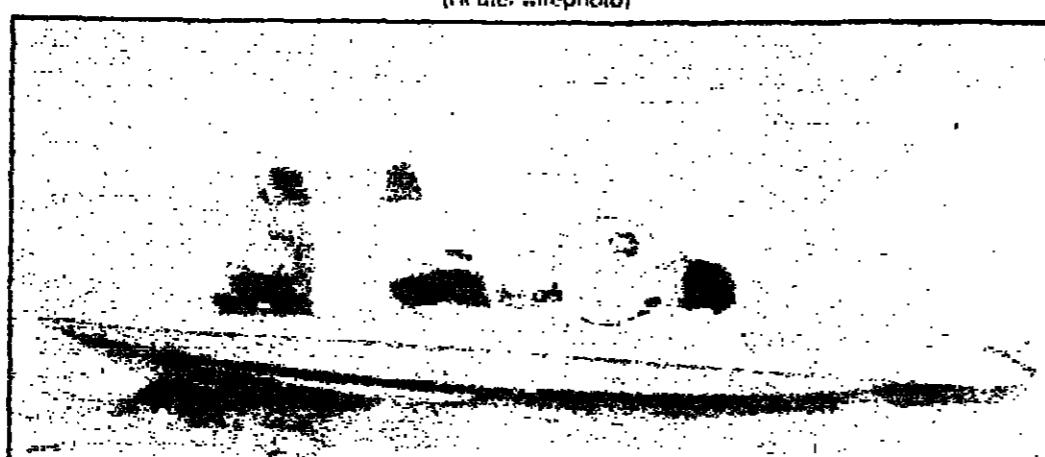
The ceremony, a step toward canonisation of Juan Diego, will be held during a mass at the basilica of Guadalupe two hours after the pope arrives in Mexico. The cardinal, archbishop of Mexico City, said at a news conference.

**■ Suriname:** Three Surinamese men were arrested Wednesday in connection with murder of a Soviet diplomat who was shot to death during an apparent robbery, police said.

The unidentified suspects were captured in the western district of Nickerie, which borders Guyana on the northeastern tip of South America, while trying to sell the diplomat's car, said Inspector Ronald Gayadhar, a police spokesman.



Police and army personnel remove the bodies of policemen from the site of a car bomb explosion April 11 (Reuter wirephoto)



Escobar (circled) photograph taken last month in Cocorna, some 75 km from Medellin. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Bogota drug traffickers claim

## Car bomb kills 21

### Millions in drums

#### Spending wildly

VEGA BAJA, Puerto Rico, April 13. (AP): Residents of this coastal town have been spending wildly after finding "extraordinary amounts of money" that drug dealers may have buried in steel drums, officials said.

US Attorney Daniel Lopez Romo said in a telephone interview from San Juan that the FBI began interviewing residents two weeks ago, after word spread that several people went on a spending binge following the discovery of the steel drums.

"We know one drum had \$1.5 million and there were several drums. So you can speculate that we're talking about extraordinary amounts of money," Lopez said.

People stopped in the street here yesterday told a reporter little, giving differing versions of where the steel drums were buried. Some said it was in a farmer's field, others the beach.

Lopez said location of the buried treasure couldn't be disclosed because "there would be a gold rush to the site."

He said it's not known where the money came from, but it's believed the drums packed with cash belonged to drug traffickers.

"That's one of the strongest possibilities, but I can't say with certainty," he said. "It's probable that somebody knew where it was buried and they blew the whistle."

He said officials became suspicious because residents were spending \$100,000, \$200,000 and \$300,000, great sums, on luxury items.

Newspapers said local sales of houses, boats, cars and VCRs were brisk until a car mechanic paid \$170,000 in cash for a house and a sports car and deposited \$50,000 in a bank. Bank officials got suspicious and called the authorities, according to the reports.

Vega Baja is a coastal area of some 30,000 people about 35 miles (55 kilometers) west of San Juan, the capital.

The bomb, packing an estimated 220 pounds (100 kilograms) of dynamite, exploded on a busy highway as a truck carrying 21 police officers passed by. The explosion wounded more than 100 people and severely damaged buildings and cars in the industrial sector, police said.

Police said yesterday they had detained six people after discovering four unidentified skeletons in a common grave on an estate belonging to Fidel Castro, believed to be military leader of the Medellin cartel.

They said the three men and a woman, found near Villanueva, 400 km (250 miles) northwest of Bogota, had been shot 17 months ago and buried with their hands bound.

The drug lords pledged last week to step up the war and to target policemen who they said were guilty of torture.

The country's third-ranking police official, operations director general Octavio Vargas Silva, said police would not flinch in the face of the onslaught, which he said was directed by Escobar.

"If necessary, we will send all members of the elite corps of the national police to counter the actions of that criminal," he told the *El Tiempo* newspaper.

### FBI arrested man in '76 murder

#### Charged with killing of Letelier

WASHINGTON, April 13. (Reuters): The US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said it had arrested a fugitive charged over the 1976 murder of Orlando Letelier, an outspoken opponent of General Augusto Pinochet's Chilean military government.

Jose Suarez, 51, a naturalized US citizen, was arrested in St Petersburg, Florida, the FBI said in a statement.

Suarez was charged in 1978 with conspiracy to murder a foreign official. The FBI said Suarez provided explosives and detonating devices for the bomb that killed

Letelier and Moffitt and built the bomb with Virgilio Pablo Paz and Michael Townley.

Paz, also a naturalized US citizen, is still a fugitive. Townley, a US citizen who was also an employee of the Chilean National Intelligence Agency, was arrested in 1978.

Three Chilean army officers were indicted by a US grand jury in 1978 in connection with the case. One, Major Armando Fernandez Larios, turned himself over to US authorities in 1987 but Chile has refused to extradite the other two.

The estimated value of drug trafficking is \$500 billion a year, she noted.

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## Star was in poor shape, says official

### Ferry should never have left port

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 13. (AP): The Scandinavian Star was in such poor shape it should never have left port on the cruise that ended in a deadly explosion and fire, a senior ship's officer told a maritime inquiry yesterday.

Karsten Hansen, the ship's second-in-command, also said combustible materials and bedding were left in the ferry corridors while the ship underwent renovations.

Police in Oslo, Norway, lowered their estimate to 166 people killed in

the fire which swept through the 10,500-ton ferry on an overnight cruise from Norway to Denmark. Investigators believe the fire was set.

The ship's Danish operator, the Vr Da-No shipping line, posted a \$250,000-kroner (\$39,000) reward for information leading to the arrest of the arsonist.

"The authorities should never have allowed that ship to leave port," Hansen said on the second day of the inquiry. "Work was going on all over the ship."

Carpenters and painters were finishing renovations of cabins, the saloon, and other areas of the ship, which the new Danish owner took over on March 30.

Service personnel often left bundles of bedding outside the passenger cabins they cleaned, creating a fire hazard, he said.

Hansen also said some of the catering staff complained of exhaustion from overwork, and said he'd heard of friction between crew members.

Rescued passengers complained that the crew, mostly Filipino and Portuguese sailors, appeared untrained to handle a crisis and could not communicate. A fire inspector testified earlier that serious faults were found with fire-containing devices and firefighting equipment was unused.

According to the ship's emergency roster, Hansen was the ship's fire chief with the task of organizing the crew in an emergency.

But during tough questioning, he admitted he was unaware of the regulation and said he wasn't hired in that capacity.

Hansen said that he and another crewman donned fire suits and rescued three trapped, unconscious passengers before being taken off the stricken ship by rescue helicopters.

The Norwegian captain of the vessel, Hugo Larsen, denied in testimony on Wednesday that the safety defences were faulty. But he admitted the crew had not undergone a fire drill, which was scheduled for the day after the fire.

Eighty of the 97 crewmen had been hired within the week before the disaster, according to witnesses who appeared at the inquiry.

Steinhausen, a West German who had served on the ferry since 1988, contradicted the captain's testimony and that the officers were forced to abandon ship when the bridge was threatened. Larsen has been criticised for climbing into a lifeboat while passengers were still on board alive.

"We could have stayed a little longer, but there wasn't much chance of people still coming out" of the burning passenger area, he said.

One unidentified West German was discovered trying to swindle authorities for compensation by reporting five family members on board, a police official said.

Arson was the "highly probable" cause, but no motive has been found, said Oslo police chief Magnar Aukrust.

At the Copenhagen inquiry, fire inspector Flemming Jensen pinpointed fires in three separate places.

The first was in a pile of woolen blankets in a passageway outside a cabin below the car deck which was quickly doused by a ship's officer.

The other two began shortly afterwards in stairwells on either side of the ferry, Jensen said. The blaze leapt up the staircase, past several decks and burst into the main restaurant area, he said.

The three fires must have ignited independently, he said, but he did not speculate on their causes.

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## Bush in excellent health

WASHINGTON, April 13, (UPI): President Bush was diagnosed as "in truly excellent health" Thursday after a lengthy annual physical that detected the early stages of glaucoma in his left eye.

White House spokesman Marvin Fitzwater said, however, that "extensive visual testing revealed no loss of any aspect of his visual acuity" as a result of the glaucoma.

The President, speaking later with reporters, said he was not even aware of the condition that affects an estimated 2 million Americans and made a joking reference to critics during the campaign who said he lacked an overall vision.

"I take a drop now... one in the morning and one at night but the vision is very good on this," Bush said. "The vision thing is working well."

Reporting on the more than four hours of comprehensive tests, Fitzwater said most of his tests turned up normal, but "an early glaucoma on his left eye was detected" that will require permanent medication.

The glaucoma should not restrict his activities and Bush's personal physician, Dr Burton Lee, declared the President healthy.

"President Bush is in truly excellent health," Fitzwater quoted the doctor as saying. "He continues to keep extremely fit through vigorous physical activities."

Bush, returning to the White House, flashed thumbs-up and declared "all is well." He told reporters later in the picture-taking session that he felt "very very good" about the test results at Bethesda Naval Hospital and that he has felt no symptoms of the glaucoma.

"I haven't felt a thing, haven't felt it at all," Bush said.

## Greek antiques stolen

### Unprecedented haul

ATHENS, April 13, (UPI): Thieves broke into a museum in ancient Corinth and stole a truckload of priceless antiquities, after overpowering a lone guard, the semi-official Athens News Agency said yesterday.

Quoting police sources, the news agency said the theft occurred about 3 am Thursday (midnight GMT), at the ancient Corinth museum, some 60 miles (95 km) west of Athens.

The thieves broke in through a back door, overpowered and bound the lone guard, and carried

display cases of priceless antiquities dating back to classical times and earlier. They loaded the antiquities onto a truck and made off, the news agency said.

The museum, built by the American school of classical studies in 1932-33, was presented to the Greek government in 1934. The American school, which kept an inventory of the museum pieces, is currently excavating at a site nearby and is still funding the museum.

ANA said the stolen antiquities included a marble bust of the Roman Emperor Hadrian, 10 marble heads, 12 ancient plaster vases, two ceramic vases with decorations in relief, four clay statuettes and five clay vases.

The ancient Corinth museum is considered one of the richest and most interesting in the Greek provinces, with displays depicting the history of Corinth and the development of art from neolithic times to the middle ages.

Police said the front door of the museum was secured by an iron door which remained unopened.

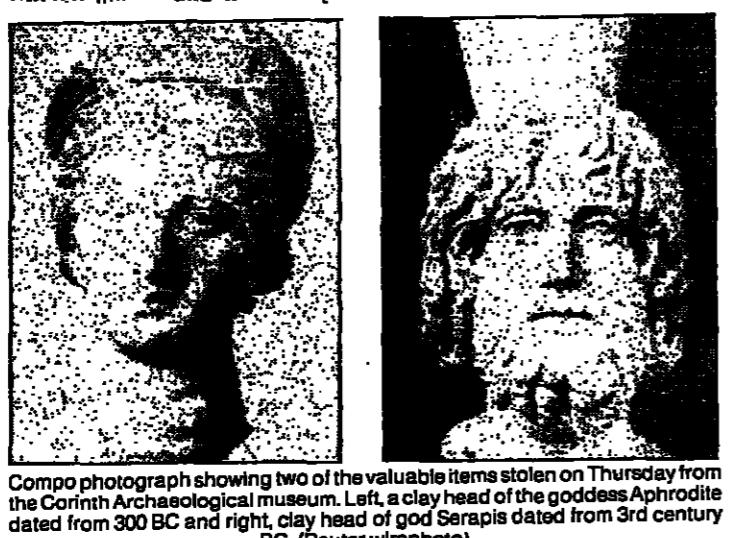
"The audacity of the theft is unprecedented in the annals of Greek history," Culture Minister Tzannetakis said in a statement released in Athens.

The thieves attacked a night-guard (2400 GMT) and left him gagged and bound before making off with the antiquities dating from the 9th century BC to the 2nd century AD and a million drachmas (\$6,250) in cash.

Theophanis Kakkouris, the 62-year-old watchman, suffering from fractures in his skull, jaw and ribs, was transferred to Evangelismos hospital in Athens, said a hospital spokesman.

The thieves climbed to the roof of the museum using a ladder and descended into the building's courtyard where they had easy access to the exhibition halls, said a spokesman.

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Compo photograph showing two of the valuable items stolen on Thursday from the Corinth Archaeological museum. Left, a clay head of the goddess Aphrodite dated from 300 BC and right, a clay head of god Serapis dated from 3rd century BC. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Swiss to verify scrolls

GENEVA, April 13, (AP): Swiss scientists are likely to carbon-date for the first time the Dead Sea scrolls, which include the earliest known Biblical texts, in a process designed to settle a dispute on whether they were written long before or after the birth of Christ.

Professor Willy Wellmann, of the Zurich-based Federal Institute of Technology, said Wednesday he has no official word that Israeli authorities agreed to his conditions for performing the tests.

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The plan includes a potential \$65 billion annual price tag. In addition to people without any insurance coverage, the commission estimated that as many as 20 million have what it calls inadequate health coverage.

The age group least likely to have insurance protection was 16 to 24, with 21.9 per cent lacking coverage. About 16.2 per cent of those 25 to 34 were uninsured and 15.3 per cent of people under 16

lacked coverage.

In the 35 to 44 bracket, 11.2 per cent of people don't have insurance, while the rates are 10.5 per cent for those 45 to 54 and 9.3 per cent in the 55 to 64 group.

Only 0.3 per cent of people over 65 lack coverage because of the federal medicare programme.

The three groups included from 11,500 to 13,400 households with as many as 36,500 people interviewed in the various groups. The margin of error for a sample that size would be 1 percentage point or less.

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Beach holiday

Princess Diana is covered in sari by her son Prince William during a private beach holiday she is enjoying with her two sons on Wednesday. Her two sisters and their children are also staying with her on the private Necker Island, British Virgin Islands. (Reuter wirephoto)

I will not run away: Walesa

WARSAW, April 13, (AP): Lech Walesa, who this week made and then retracted a declaration of candidacy for president, told workers yesterday that he "will not run away" if Poland wants him for the office.

The leader of the Solidarity trade union spoke to a hall packed with about 300 workers at the Zamech machine factory in Elblag, a northern city about 70 kilometres (42 miles) from Warsaw's headquarters in Gdansk.

His grasp on power rests on 150 seats he won in the 300-seat Parliament in Sunday elections, and a deal with a sole centrist deputy, providing a one-seat absolute majority.

Mitsotakis, 71, has an

ambitious plan to reverse eight years of Socialist rule.

The Socialists, with 123 seats, have vowed to fight every step of the way to protect the extensive welfare state they built up while in office from 1981 until June 1989.

"The government which emerged from these elections is based on a single vote. It won't last, and will provide no long-term programme," Socialist leader and former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou said.

Papandreou will look for support from 19 communist deputies and four far-left independents.

The latest Conservative to forget past rivalries and throw his support behind Mitsotakis was Constantine Karamanlis, Greece's most popular politician according to *Opinion poll*.

Karamanlis, who in 1974 overthrew the restoration of democracy after seven years of military dictatorship, agreed on Wednesday night to come out of retirement and serve as Greek President.

For months Karamanlis, 83, the former prime minister and president, sat on the sidelines, occasionally exercising his sharp wit to denounce the confused political scene as "resembling a vast madhouse."

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Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu requested Wednesday's meeting with De Klerk after touring the strife-torn townships of the province, transformed into battlefields by a conflict which has killed more than 400 people in the past two months.

"We took the opportunity of presenting the State President with a memorandum on the situation in Natal as we understand it," Natal Anglican Bishop Michael Nuttall said after the two-hour meeting.

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# Gorby tells US not to preach

Soviet party seems ready to split

MOSCOW, April 13, (Reuter): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev told the United States yesterday not to preach to the Kremlin on policy towards rebel Lithuania.

He declared that Moscow was showing patience and restraint over the Baltic republic's bid to secede from the Soviet Union.

He told a delegation of seven US senators the Lithuanians were acting provocatively, leaving less and less room for a political approach, the official news agency Tass said.

Delegation leader George Mitchell told a news conference the senators had reiterated to Gorbachev that any recourse to force in Lithuania would seriously harm US-Soviet relations.

Tass reported: "You don't need to teach us, Gorbachev said, that political methods are better. But not everything depends on us. And senators, like Americans in general, must understand this. And avoid sermons."

"They can cause resentment in our society, affecting Soviet-American relations."

The Soviet leader reiterated that Lithuania, which declared unilateral independence on March 11, could secede but only through legal processes beginning with a referendum. The process would take years and mean heavy social and economic costs.

"The current Lithuanian leadership, ignoring the fact that the Soviet Union as a multi-national federation is going through a very crucial period of its development, took a provocative and adventurous action," Tass quoted him as saying.

"They put us all in an unthinkable position. We are showing patience and restraint."

Gorbachev said great progress had been made in improving US-Soviet relations and it must not be squandered, Tass said.

Mitchell's version of the Soviet leader's response on Lithuania was that Gorbachev had reiterated he wanted to resolve the dispute peacefully.

The seven senators, all Democrats, told Gorbachev that it would be regrettable if US-Soviet detente should be reversed.

"Such a reversal would undoubtedly occur should the Soviet Union resort to force to resolve the situation in Lithuania," Mitchell said. "Such action would, I advised President Gorbachev, have grave consequences for relations between our two countries."

Meanwhile, Estonia's parliament has declared service in the Red Army illegal and called on President Mikhail Gorbachev to begin immediate talks on the Baltic republic's independence, Soviet media reported yesterday.

The new Estonian law on Soviet conscription says that "service by residents of Estonia in the USSR armed forces is legally illegitimate," and does away with criminal penalties for draft-dodgers.

The parliamentary move, accompanied by a strident letter to Gorbachev which was also approved Wednesday, stepped up the push for independence in the tiny republic of 1.6 million.

In Moscow, the Soviet Communist Party appeared on the verge of a split as one radical charged it had been hijacked by conservatives and called for a mass walkout.

But President Gorbachev sided with conservatives saying the radicals wanted to introduce capitalism into Soviet society and he could not agree with them.

New radical members of the Moscow City Council plan a series of dramatic reforms aimed at undoing more than 70 years of communist rule blamed for the Soviet capital's crumbling infrastructure.

■ CIA Director William H. Webster foresees a "deep and prolonged" crisis in which a deteriorating economy and ethnic unrest will accompany Soviet President Gorbachev's reforms.

US specialists on the Soviet Union generally agreed with the assessment offered by Webster in a speech in Boston on Thursday, although some said better times may be ahead for the Soviet economy.

Webster, addressing the World Affairs Council of Boston, said, "the crisis we now see in the USSR will likely be deep and prolonged."

"Gorbachev's reforms have undermined the Stalinist system that he inherited and have put the Soviet Union on the road to a new political system, but the new system that he is trying to create is not yet ready to take the place of the old one that he has discarded," the CIA chief said.

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## Pulitzer winner

This photograph by David C. Turnley, of a Romanian venting grief at the regime of Nicolae Ceausescu two days after his overthrow, was published Dec 29, 1989 in the Detroit Free Press. Together with other photos of political uprising it won Turnley the 1990 Pulitzer for Feature Photography in New York on April 12 (Reuter wirephoto)

## Soviets admit

### Wartime massacre

LONDON, April 13, (Reuter): The Soviet secret police carried out the Katyn killings, one of the most notorious massacres of World War Two, Moscow admitted for the first time yesterday.

Moscow radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and quoting the official news agency Tass, said the NKVD, predecessor of the KGB secret police, was responsible for the deaths of 15,000 Polish officers and men at Katyn in the western Soviet Union in 1940.

"The Soviet side expresses deep regret over the tragedy, and assesses it as one of the worst Stalinist crimes," Moscow radio said.

Moscow had hitherto always insisted that the German Nazis carried out the killings. But the radio said recently discovered evidence pointed to NKVD responsibility.

The official admission of guilt coincided with a three-day official visit to the Soviet Union by Polish President Wladyslaw Jaruzelski, which the Communist Party daily Pravda said would "promote the development and consolidation of friendly relations between the USSR and Poland."

Although the radio report, also carried by Soviet television, quoted Tass, no mention of Katyn was seen on the agency's service received in London.

The radio report, in Moscow's English-language service, said: "The Soviet news agency Tass had published an official statement on the circumstances of the death of 15,000 Polish soldiers and officers who had been interned in several NKVD camps in September of 1939 in the Soviet Union."

## E. Germany finally turns democratic

### Living up to its name

EAST BERLIN, April 13, (Reuter): The German Democratic Republic — East Germany — is finally living up to its name, having installed a democratically-elected government after four decades of communism.

The irony is that the main task of Christian Democratic Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere's cabinet — Eastern Europe's first freely-chosen administration — will be to negotiate its own extinction in talks on unification with West Germany.

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BEIJING, April 13, (AP):

China's Foreign Ministry yesterday refused to answer questions about reports that more than 50 people had died in ethnic Muslim unrest in western China, continuing an official blackout.

Spokeswoman Li Jinhua evaded repeated questions about uprisings in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region and a ban on travel by foreigners to the area.

She said at a weekly briefing that the Foreign Ministry was not responsible for internal affairs and "I am not clear about the situation."

The Beijing government has neither confirmed nor denied reports that troops were sent in last Friday to quell rioting by Muslim ethnic groups in three cities near Xinjiang's borders with the Soviet Union and Pakistan.

Few details have emerged, although foreign travellers in Xinjiang quoted local people as saying that two Chinese officials sent in to resolve the dispute were murdered. Troops then dispatched to the city killed 50 people in putting down the rioting, according to the unconfirmed reports.

An Asian diplomat said the rioting in Kashgar was sparked by a dispute over the building of a mosque and involved Kirghiz

ELAN BATOR, Mongolia, April 13, (AP):

The world's second-oldest ruling Communist Party dropped the word "communism" from its constitution yesterday and set a new goal of "democratic humanism."

An extraordinary congress of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary party adopted a new party constitution and platform to reflect its recent acceptance of democratic reforms and opposition parties.

A proposal to change the party's name, dropping the word "revolutionary," was defeated.

The party, which is trying to change its

people, a Muslim group with ethnic ties in the Soviet Union.

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Kashgar is an ancient Silk Road oasis city of 100,000 about 240 kilometres (150 miles) from the Soviet border and 1,100

kilometres (700 miles) west of Urumqi.

Foreign travellers have been prevented from travelling from Urumqi to Kashgar since the weekend and the Urumqi foreign affairs office has told foreign journalists they may not come to Xinjiang. The Pakistan government was informed on Monday that the Khunjerab Pass, the 4,000-metre (13,120-foot) high road linking Pakistan with Kashgar, will not open as planned at the end of this month because of

image to keep power in free elections. appeared to be suffering from an identity crisis.

"Our party remains Marxist-Leninist," said party ideology chief Tsahilgaan. But he said that "Marxism-Leninism or any other theories are not dogmas," and that the party no longer used the word "communism."

"We now have realised that communism is a thing far away from us," he said.

Asked if the party should be called communist or socialist, he said, "let's leave it to you."

Tsahilgaan said the new party constitution cuts the number of party employees, gives more financial and decision-making power to local party bodies and guarantees their right to criticise the centre.

But one party intellectual, speaking on condition of anonymity, noted that the party is keeping its cells in ministries, factories and other work units.

The congress' 926 delegates continued meeting late into the night to elect a new central committee. It will in turn select a new top leadership body, to be renamed the presidium instead of the current Politburo.

the reports were second hand and could not be confirmed.

German tourist who attempted to buy airplane tickets to Kashgar from the provincial capital of Urumqi said they were told no foreigners were permitted to travel to the south, near the Soviet and Pakistan borders.

The Urumqi office has referred journalists to the Foreign Ministry, but spokeswoman Li said she could not say why travel to Urumqi and Kashgar, both cities normally open to foreigners, has been stopped.

## China warns minorities

### Fear of ethnic unrest

BEIJING, April 13, (AP): Chinese leaders are sounding warnings about religious and ethnic conflict, apparently fearing the unrest in neighbouring Central Asia could spread to Mongols, Manchus, Muslims and Tibetans in China.

Ethnic violence and religious fundamentalism in Soviet Asia and the democratic impulses of Mongolia could spread, posing a direct threat to Beijing's long-nurtured concept of unity and harmony among the Han Chinese and the nation's 55 minorities.

Martial law has been in effect in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa for more than a year, following recurrent anti-Chinese riots. Last week, Chinese troops were reportedly dispatched to three cities near the Soviet border to put down unrest among Muslim ethnic groups.

Premier Li Peng, in a speech to officials in charge of minority affairs in February, warned of "a tiny number of separatists (who) under the mantle of nationalism and religion oppose socialism and sabotage the unity of all Chinese nationalities."

China, he said, "should wipe out all separatist activities while they are still in the embryonic stage."

He called for a mass campaign to study Marxist theories on minorities, which contend that ethnic differences will disappear as workers everywhere unite.

China's minorities problem pales before that of the Soviet Union, where nearly 50 per cent of the population is non-Russian. The 86 million members of non-Han ethnic groups make up less than eight per cent of China's 1.1 billion people, and many have long been assimilated into Chinese culture.

But they inhabit lands comprising 60 per cent of China's territory, stretching from the Himalayas of the southwest to the Silk Road deserts of the west and the endless spires of the north.

Tibet has been the most volatile area. Many Tibetans stubbornly resist China's claims to sovereignty and dozens have died in anti-Chinese riots in Lhasa since late 1987.

Foreign offices of Tibet's exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama said 4,000 Tibetans demonstrated in Lhasa last month to mark the first anniversary of martial law, but China denied the report. Beijing refused to allow foreign journalists and tourists into Tibet at the time of the anniversary, and operators didn't put phone calls through.

The Buddhist Tibetans deeply resent China's past policies of religious and cultural persecution. Their feelings are shared by the Uyghurs and other Muslim groups who make up more than half the 14 million people of arid Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region to the north.

Xinjiang borders on and shares cultural ties with the restless peoples of Soviet Kazakhstan, Kirghizia and Tadzhikistan. In addition to 7.3 million Huis and six million Uyghurs, scatters of Kazaks, Kirghiz, Tatars, Russians and Uyghurs are also found in Xinjiang and other Chinese border provinces.

Asian diplomats in Beijing said a dispute over a mosque in Xinjiang's remote western desert town of Kashgar sparked last week's unrest. They said the rioters, up to 50 of whom reportedly were killed, were from the Kirghiz ethnic group.

The disturbances were the worst since last May, when some 150 Muslims upset over a Chinese-language book they said was blasphemous, were arrested for attacking Communist Party headquarters in the provincial capital of Urumqi.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Li Jinhua yesterday denied any knowledge of the reported clashes in Kashgar. Chinese officials have sought to keep news of the unrest from spreading by barring all foreigners from entering the area and refusing to answer queries from foreign journalists and diplomats.

But Chinese officials have frequently warned of potential trouble in the area.

The region's Communist Party chief, Song Hanliang, after a tour of Kashgar and other areas of southern Xinjiang in February, called for strengthened control over religious activities. He said the government must not allow religion to be used to promote separatism.

Xinjiang's government chief, Tomur Dawamat, also warned last month of "social scum" aided by foreign reactionaries who sought to "oppose Xinjiang remaining in the big family of the motherland." But he said they represented less than one per cent of the population.

China has said little about democratic pressures in Mongolia that have forced the Communist Party leadership to resign. But according to one Soviet diplomat, the Chinese feel there is a real danger the Mongol reform movement will spill over into China's inner Mongolia.

Requests by foreign journalists to travel to inner Mongolia have been rejected in recent weeks.

Some 3.5 million Mongols live in inner Mongolia — there are two million across the border in Mongolia. China's Mongols, who conquered the country under Genghis Khan

# Monthly state medical costs KD2.2 million

35,000 items in store

By Hussain Salama

THE director of Medical Stores Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health Dr Mohammed Al Niukhailan has been quoted as saying that his department is responding to the requirements of 270 medical centres and hospitals in the country. Among these are 120 permanent hospitals, polyclinics and clinics and 150 irregular medical centres and hospitals including the hospital of the Ministry of Defence and the emergency centres which might be set up during specific occasions such as the organising of sporting tournaments and conferences.

He added that apart from the above the department also sends relief medical supplies donated by the State of Kuwait to distressed areas and countries in need.

He added that his department purchases the required medical supplies and medicines either from the local market or abroad.

Replies to a question on GCC unified medicine procurement, the official said this procedure came into force 13 years ago following the setting up of the Arab Gulf Health Ministers Council. He said that member states had realised significant benefits through the application of unified procedures.

He pointed out that in the beginning all unified procurements were subject to the control of Kuwait based Medicine Control Laboratory as it was the sole laboratory in the region capable of undertaking such a task. There is however an identical laboratory in Saudi

Arabia to test Saudi medicine procurements in addition to another one set up in Iraq.

Niukhailan added that medicine procurement is subject to several rules including the registration of purchased medicine at the Medicine Control Department. Medicine can be registered only after it is used in the country of origin for at least five years.

#### Contracts

He disclosed that the medicines purchase contract up to KD75,000 should be subject to the approval of Legislation and Fatwa Department and up to KD100,000 should be subject to the approval of Legislation and Fatwa Department as well as the approval of the audit bureau.

Replies to a question, the official said that the annual allocated budget for the procuring of medical supplies and medicines is KD25.5 million with KD3.5 million for the purchasing of medical supplies. For the next fiscal year, the department has suggested allocating a budget of KD29 million, but the Ministry of Finance has agreed to allocate a budget of KD22 million instead.

This would mean that the permanent budget will be reduced despite the expansion in the setting up of medical centres. However the official praised the co-operation prevailing between the department and the Ministry of Finance, clarifying that the ministry had in 1987 granted a supplementary budget to the department estimated at KD4 million and in 1988 another supplementary budget was allocated for the

department at KD6 million.

#### Tests

Meanwhile, the official disclosed that his department was purchasing about 120 kinds of medicine from Kuwait Pharmaceutical Industries Company (KPI). According to a Cabinet decision in this connection, the department is empowered directly from the company. He added that all the medicines purchased from KPI were subject to necessary laboratory tests like any other imported medicine.

Al Seyassah learnt that the value of medical supplies prepared by Medical Stores Department to be sent to Lebanon amounts to KD150,000.

On the other hand, controller of medicines at the department Dr Abdallah Diab said that the department was dispensing about five million tablets of Panadol per month.

He added that arterial solutions were at the top of the ministry hospitals consumption, clarifying that these hospitals were consuming about one million flasks of such a solution per annum.

He disclosed that patient suffering from kidney failure cost the state about KD25,000 per annum, each heart surgery cost about KD7,000 including medicine and other medical supplies.

He added that the department's budget is fixed at KD22 million, while the monthly medicine dispensation average could be estimated at KD2.2 million per month.

# Special committee to keep prices in check

## Blind rush by consumers blamed

THE controller of administrative development and co-operative guidance at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry, Fadel Hilal Al Motawa has said that the ministry is planning to set up a high co-ordination committee in co-operation with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Kuwait Union of Co-operative Consumer

Societies to look into applications for endorsing proposed increased in the prices of certain consumer commodities.

He said that lack of awareness among some consumers stood as direct cause for the price rise of certain commodities whether during Ramadan or otherwise, through over-buying.

He said that price rises usually happened as a result of currency fluctuations in the supplier country and emphasised that the union endorse no price increase without adequate justification.

Shopping during Ramadan is better done in the post-iftar period, Motawa said as people who shop before iftar usually

buy more stuff than they actually need under the effect of their fasting. He blamed the blind rush by consumers to buy houses with all sorts of commodities before and during Ramadan (as if they were facing a famine) as one of the causes for the price rise of certain commodities.



Service medals awarded

The director general of General Administration of Police Academy Brigadier Khaled Al Minayes gave service medals to a number of officers at the administration which were granted to them by HH the Amir. The assistant director general Col Ali Yacoub Abdulla also gave away medals to a number of non-commissioned officers at the administration.

## Action Line

I AM a Filipina maid. I have been working here for the past five years. I completed my first contract with a very good Kuwaiti employer and then transferred to another very good Kuwaiti family. Both employers are kind to me. Because they like me so much, they don't want to give me a release. I want to work for me no. 18, I want to work according to my qualifications and earn a higher salary. Now, my employer says they will send me back to the Philippines. Can my employer cancel my iqama and prevent me from returning to the country. If I get another visa after going back, can I return to Kuwait?

IT SEEMS that your employer likes you very much and doesn't want to lose your services. If they are kind and good people, it would be better for you to stay on with them. Some other employers might give you a higher salary but they may not treat you as kindly as you are being treated now.

If you decide to return to the Philippines, it would be better if you don't break ties with your employer and get your visa cancelled. If you run-away or insist on going back, resulting in deportation, you may not be able to come back. If there is a deportation stamp on your passport, it would not be easy to return on a fresh visa.

MY present flat contract, dated Jan 1985, is KD 135. For the last two years, my landlord collected KD 120 per month. Now, my landlord wants to increase the rent to KD 140. I paid KD 120 in February and March.

1. Can I stay in the flat until he gives me a notice to vacate the flat? If the notice is given, how many days do I have to vacate the flat?

2. Is it the acceptance of KD 120 for two months considered as renewal of the contract for the next five years?

3. If I go to court, is there any law for maximum rent for the house according to type of building etc.?

4. My flat is built on 64 sq metres. Other flats in the building are 80 sq metres and rented for KD 120 per month.

1. THE landlord cannot ask you to vacate the flat. However, if the tenant does not pay the rent, delays payment, then the landlord gets the legal right to seek eviction.

Even if the contract is for a limited period, it is renewable for as long as the tenant occupies the premises. However, it is important to pay the rent on time and regularly.

2. If you have been paying KD 120 for the last two years, then the contract was amended at the time when the rent was increased. The calculation of five years begins on the date of the increase in rent, regardless of whether it was increased or decreased. If you go through the rent receipt, you can find out when the change in rent was made.

3. The Rent Law says a landlord can increase the rent every five years; he is entitled to seek a maximum of 100 per cent increase. If a tenancy dispute goes to court, investigators will take the area, type of building, locality, construction and size of the apartment and other conditions into consideration to prepare a report for the court. Based on this report, the court will give judgement.

4. After completion of five years, you have the right to seek a decrease in the rent by giving copies of the contract. The court investigators will determine whether your claim is justifiable or not, and whether a reduced rent is called for.

I CAME to Kuwait on a domestic visa two months ago. Unfortunately, my sponsor cancelled my visa without any reason, giving me a grace period of 30 days to leave. I have obtained a new domestic visa from another sponsor. In that visa, the date of birth is different from that in my passport.

Do I have to go to India to re-enter the country? Will there be any problem regarding my date of birth?

IF YOU require immigration clearance, medical check-up and have to complete formalities, then you must return to your country of origin. For example, if an endorsement is required by the Kuwaiti Embassy in your country, you must go back to complete the formalities.

The date of birth must be corrected; an incorrect entry could result in difficulty while re-entering the country. The immigration officials can stop you from entering the country if they are not satisfied with the papers.

If you have a problem drop in a line to Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or Fax your questions to us on 4847495.

## Stray dog menace in Abbasiya residents

COMPLAINTS keep accumulating from Abbasiya residents about stray dogs attacking sheep and goat pens, a local daily said.

One citizen said that a herd of stray dogs has attacked and devoured five sheep and three goats, and that quite a few such cases have been reported to the authorities but no action has been taken.

He said that the problem is very serious as children fear to go out at night because of the killer dogs. The relevant Interior Ministry authorities have been urgently requested to put an end to this nightmare.

Rafid said:

Another citizen said that his stable has been raided by a herd of rabid dogs on several occasions and that a good number of his sheep and goats were killed.

He added that his little son was once bitten by a killer dog but he was rescued at the last moment. He said this problem constitutes an obessional fear for residents in the area.

A third citizen said that he has lost 15 sheep in several attacks by killer dogs and that if he were not for the intervention of passers-by on one occasion, his son would have been eaten meat for these dogs.

## Paaet students bemoan deteriorating facilities

A NUMBER of students at the Electricity and Water Training Centre of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (Paaet) voiced their complaints against the deteriorating conditions of the building, shortage in laboratory equipments, non-payments of their monthly allowances for several months.

Adel Mansour, a second year student said the centres facilities are unsuited to education and most classrooms look like old chalets. Additionally he said that meals offered by the cafeteria are not adequate and the size of the cafeteria cannot accommodate all the students. He also said that students have not received their allowances for the past six months.

Mahari Mohammed, another student said that one of the main problems suffered by students is an utter lack of guidance towards any future speciality and said he has never been guided as to what profession he should take in his future.

Meanwhile, Jasm Hamad Abdul Raheem, director of the Electricity and Water Centre said that the building is old and that it was previously used by the Communication Centre, but added that the building is regularly maintained and added that the centre will soon move to a new building in Daiya. He disclosed that the new building in Daiya will be on a temporary basis as the authority intends to establish a technological complex in Shuwaikh.

The official stressed that meals supplied to students by the cafeteria are adequate and sold at symbolic prices. The authority is keen to provide students with the best in food.

Speaking on non-payment of allowances, Raheem said that a decision by the management of the authority had stipulated that allowances would not be paid until a student has passed his first semester.

## CANADIAN IMMIGRATION: WINNERS AND LOSERS

Part Ten: Halifax

If you're not particularly interested in being surrounded by high-rise giants and living in the fast lane, then perhaps you might like a medium-paced, medium-sized city. Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, might just be what you're looking for.

It's been built for human beings. In other words it has enough of the city sophistication and the country freshness to open up a range of possibilities. Geographically, it's a peninsula and Halifax harbour juts out into the sea. Try to imagine it as a giant foot in the water, since it is in fact surrounded by water.

Consequently, water and especially shipping play a big part in the economics of Halifax. Even so, there is a wide diversification of business, industry and finance. It is serviced also by its highest employer, the community, business and personal services sector. It also has, in fact, the fourth highest number of Federal employees working in the metropolitan centre.

About 60 per cent of the wholesale and 36.1 per cent of the retail trade for the province is conducted here, with most banks, finance companies and insurance companies having their regional headquarters here. But for the export-import interests of the entrepreneur, Halifax boasts one of the finest natural harbours in the world and includes 32 deepwater berths, 15 transit sheds, a five million bushel grain elevator, repair, touring and bunkering services.

There is one great attraction of Halifax for the immigrating family. Not only are all the modern services, including the health and education services, available on a scale you would expect from a modern city but there is also a great economic advantage for someone starting in a new land: the cost of living is still fairly reasonable compared to say Toronto or Montreal. The real estate market has remained fairly stable and apartment vacancy rates are encouraging.

By John Garufi and Benita Rotella

Its harbour is ice-free year round and is probably Canada's most important port for maritime activities. The Bedford Institute, for instance, is the world's third largest oceanographic centre. Ever since Cunard started running his steamship from Halifax, insurance, banking and international trade have flourished.

Nova Scotia, or New Scotland, is also a favourite haunt for the holiday maker. In fact, tourism is a principal source of its income. Why not? You have deep-sea fishing, hunting, canoeing, skiing and ocean cruising. It didn't get its nickname of Canada's "ocean playground" for nothing. O.K., so it might not be the richest and most populous of the provinces but if you want to live near the coast, in Nova Scotia you are never more than 35 kilometres from it.

But don't imagine a backwater of culture. In fact, Halifax has some of Atlantic Canada's greatest institutes of education, medicine and culture, first common law courts and the first province to ensure freedom of the press.

There is another advantage that Halifax has over other cities in Canada: its climate is temperate. So it's not the favourite destination for the winter vacationer. Spring and summer are at their Canadian best here and both nature and the communities break out with their own festivals of colour and abundance.

Although English is the language used in Halifax, many Nova Scotians use the traditional Gaelic greeting of "Cead mile failte!" (a hundred thousand welcomes). We can't teach you Gaelic, which you won't need anyway, but we could be the first of your hundred thousand welcomes. For more information on life in Halifax, contact 5332731.

You can meet Mr John Garufi during 17-30 April 1990 at Kuwait Int'l Hotel. Tel. 2530000.

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# Israel will not attack Iraq: Hamad

Arab position better

Following is the full text of the interview with Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force.

By Ahmed Al Jarallah  
Editor-in-Chief  
Arab Times

Q. Your Highness ... do you think that Israel is serious in its aggressive threats to Iraq?

A. First, we must not forget an important historical fact that since Israel began to exercise heavy pressure on world diplomacy to emphasise its role on the international level, it is important for Israel to feel in control over the Middle East area and related policies, to continually reinforce its feeling of power. Therefore the Arab-Israeli conflict has been responsible for the creation of the suitable psychological atmosphere for Israel to wage this cold war ... which turns hot at times.

Israel will not launch any attack on Iraq as the calculations now have changed, the Arabs are no longer easy to divide by Israel and its two supporting powers. It will not attack Iraq and there is no doubt about that, as geographically, Iraqi lands occupy vast area and Israel will not be able to tell which part to attack and will not even be able to occupy any of the Iraqi lands since Iraq is not located close to Israel.

The point is if Israel should make the mistake of attacking Iraq, there is no telling what the Iraqi reaction will be. Iraq has just emerged victorious from a war in which her enemy was better manned and equipped, and Iraqi military expertise is invaluable.

How do you elaborate on the fact that existing Arab reality is different from the way it was in the past?

In the past, those interested in the Middle East area, particularly the part which belonged to the Arabs tried to apply the rule which says "Divide and Rule", and they managed to succeed in their schemes. Israel used to play the same trick. However, with the advent of the nineties, the Arab world has been witnessing a massive wave of cohesion as embodied in the return of Egypt to the Arab fold, the emergence of the GCC, ACC and Arab Maghreb Union. Arab efforts and planning are no longer made individually by 14 countries, but emanates from three main powerful sources



Sheikh Hamad ... wave of cohesion

Do you think that the international interest in oil will push world powers to establish control positions in the oil-producing countries?

No return to colonisation is possible in our world of today. Since the Arab Gulf countries have won their independence there has been no attempt to exercise pressure on their decisions, sovereignty, or national entity. The international need for oil has made us increase our oil marketing activities to establish mutual co-operation relations. When the situation in the area was war-torn, Kuwait registered its tankers in the US and the Soviet Union. If it were not for the common co-operation interests between the area and these countries, no serious attempt would have been made to protect this strategic substance.

The current Arab position in the international political arena is better than before, and it is sufficient to see that EEC representatives come to meet with GCC representatives to agree on a unified formula of co-operation throughout the decade of the nineties. This illustrates the powerful role that the Arabs have assumed.

We are dealing with these mutual interests with rationality, and it is clear that there is no attempt at colonisation. If these countries should attempt to monopolise the oil flow into their

markets, we will keep our oil buried in the land for ever.

What is your opinion of current events in the Soviet Union. Will these affect its position as the second superpower in the world?

Even if some of the Soviet republics should attain independence they remain geographic areas that could not undermine the existing world role of the Soviet Union. The wave of openness in the Soviet Union is the reason behind the recent changes in the world. The Soviets will not disappear from the international stage as a superpower, although there are other powers developing and emerging in the meantime, such as the Chinese and the Arabs particularly if the current co-ordination of Arab political and economic policies remains strong.

Amidst efforts at sorting out intra-Arab differences, have the Gulf states been able to resolve their problems?

The social and historical relations between the Gulf states are

strong and distinguished, and therefore the language of understanding is easy, let alone the strong mutual relations between them which also facilitate dialogue.

At the last GCC summit in Muscat, GCC leaders stressed in their concluding statement that the existing problems in the area will be resolved by dialogue and via diplomatic channels, and that no problems must be sorted out through war or aggression between brothers. The statement said that problems can be solved with dual or collective efforts. And this was followed by the demarcation of the borders between Oman and Saudi Arabia, which strongly reflects the credibility of the Muscat summit.

Bahrain has of late received a batch of military aircraft. Will these be used exclusively in Bahrain or will other GCC states be able to benefit from these aircrafts in time of need?

I truly wish that the existing economic co-ordination between the GCC members reflects the same level of co-operation and co-ordination in the military field. Military co-operation between the GCC states is a must imposed by the requirements of the current stage, as represented by the establishment of the 'Peninsula Shield' force. It is the first Arab military unit combining six armies with integrated capabilities and operations for the task of joint defence against any foreign attempts to tamper with the security of the region. The Gulf military force has shown considerable competence and technological efficiency.

Do you think it is now the time to revise the Arab League Charter, now that Egypt has been readmitted into the Arab fold?

There is a strong wish to carry out this revision where the main emphasis will be laid on the unanimous approval of issued decisions or by the majority of the delegates, particularly in as far as peace or war decisions are concerned. The revision is needed to deal with the requirements of the current stage. The current situation of inter-Arab relations differs greatly from what it used to be. Arab leaderships are no longer affected by personal motives which characterised the political decisions of the stage before, and the atmosphere in the Arab world is beginning to improve at considerable speed and thanks to God no setbacks have occurred.



Amir visits Failaka

The Amir visited Failaka Island on Wednesday in the framework of his visits to the popular places during the holy month of Ramadan.

HH exchanged friendly talks with visitors of Failaka's traditional cafe which HH visited. HH was accompanied by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber, Defence and Acting Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmed Al Jaber and Sheikh Majid Al Hammoud, Amiri Diwan undersecretary and secretary for Social Affairs and Labour Abdel Rahman Al Mazzou.

## Salem hails results of narcotics conference

LONDON, April 13, (Kuna): Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah Wednesday hailed the results reached by the three-day ministerial summit conference on combatting drug trafficking.

In a statement to Kuna, Sheikh Salem said the conference was "successful and good," commanding the role being played by the Kuwaiti delegation.

"No doubt, the Kuwaiti presence in the conference was of clear effect particularly through participation of the members of the Kuwaiti higher committee for combatting drugs," Sheikh Salem elaborated.

The Kuwaiti delegation played an active role in the deliberations and the conference's committees, Sheikh Salem said, noting that several delegations have appreciated this role.

Sheikh Salem said Kuwait is keen to contribute in fighting drug trafficking in general, despite the fact that Kuwait is neither a producing nor a consuming country of narcotics.

Meanwhile the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has reiterated its determination to combat the menace of drugs, the Saudi Press Agency said.

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz has issued his directives to take appropriate measures for combatting drugs, said Dr Hamad Al Marzouq, Director General of the Crime Research Centre at the Interior Ministry.

Dr Marzouq, who addressed the international summit conference on drugs, currently in progress in London, noted that the anti-drugs department has been co-operating with the other concerned authorities like the departments of police, traffic, customs and the frontier corps in combatting drugs.

The most important element in combatting drugs is making obtaining drugs a difficult task, he said.

Moreover, the kingdom has been implementing capital punishment for drug smugglers, he pointed out.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Construction budget

KUWAIT, April 13, (Kuna): The Ministerial Committee for Planning held a meeting Wednesday headed by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

The meeting was held at the Planning Ministry building and attended by the committee members.

Planning undersecretary, who is also general co-ordinator for the plan and rapporteur of the ministerial committee, Abdulhadi Al Awadi said that the committee discussed the prerequisites of the development plan for the construction projects during the next five-year plan of 90/91-94-95.

He also said the committee presented the budget of the construction projects for the ministries and government departments for the first year of 90-91 plan.

### Hungary-Kuwait contract

BUDAPEST, April 13, (Kuna): The Hungarian coachbuilding factory Ikarus yesterday signed a contract with Kuwait Passenger Transport Company for the delivery of 91 Ikarus buses, it was reported here today.

This new export will raise the total number of Ikarus vehicles running in Kuwait to 450.

The contract is for 11 urban buses and 80 luxury coaches, and the total value is US\$9 million.

Each of the vehicles comes complete with air-conditioning, a Dutch Daf engine, and West German automatic gear-box.

Ikarus will deliver the 11 buses and 50 of the coaches this year, and the remaining 30 coaches in 1991.

### Travel ban

THE travel ban division at the Ministry of Justice, issued 2,012 travel bans against persons wanted for different cases during last Jan and Feb.

Statistics published by the Computer Centre at the Ministry of Justice indicated that the Judgements Execution Department had issued 2,774 judgements during the same period.

### Forged licences wrap-up

THE relevant security authorities are reportedly wrapping up investigations into the forged driving permits case, as more details are beginning to come to light.

The primary suspect is an Arab identified as Abu Ziad, who used to collect money from applicants in return for obtaining the signature of the colonel involved in the case.

A local daily reported that the colonel is leading a luxurious life and his sons occupy key positions in certain ministries and possess private properties.

### Cornea operations

RIYADH, April 13, (Kuna): Two cornea transplantation operations were successfully conducted at Riyadh-based King Khalid Eye Special Hospital in the last ten days.

The transplantation operations, which were conducted in collaboration with the National Kidney Centre and the Eye Bank at King Khalid Eye Specialist Hospital, were conducted for Mohammed Farhan Al Farhan, a Saudi, and a six-month-old Saudi child Muna Al Mistari.

**Indian embassy**  
A PRESS release from the Indian embassy has stated that the embassy in Kuwait will remain closed on Saturday, April 14, 1990 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr B. R. Ambedkar.

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## 18 die in mountain shootouts in Iran

### Vintage rally fliers grouping in Bahrain

#### Retracing old British mail route

MANAMA, April 13, (AP): International fliers and their pre-1950 single-engine aircraft gathered in Bahrain yesterday during an epic 10,000-mile (16,000-km) journey that retraces Britain's old Imperial Airways mail route.

In Bahrain, the World Vintage Rally Ltd, will be a third way through the route that was used between 1930 to 1940 from England to Australia.

The gathering is the largest fleet of historic aircrafts assembled in recent years — De Havilland Dragons, Cessnas, Beeches, and Pipers are among some of the more well-known carriers.

The rally participants, many in their 70s, will be competing for the best time and sportsmanship.

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## King changes tune

# Ban lifted on Nepal parties

NEW DELHI. (Reuter): Nepal's absolute monarch has found out the hard way that the Himalayan borders of his remote kingdom are no barrier to international fervour for democracy.

King Birendra lifted a 30-year-old ban on political parties on Sunday after police had shot dead dozen of people to try to crush a seven-week democracy campaign.

The royal proclamation promised changes "reflecting ... the international environment which obtains today."

"In that Himalayan isolation, for the king to explain his decisions partly as coming from international processes is very remarkable," said Bhupani Sen Gupta of New Delhi's Centre for Policy Research, an independent think-tank.

"(Aid) donor countries are telling him, 'you've got to talk to the democracy movement'. It's the only way you can read this statement," Sen Gupta said on Tuesday.

India and China, the regional superpowers which surround landlocked Nepal, have avoided any hint of pressure on the monarch.

Diplomats say advice to King Birendra to bow to intense popular pressure has come from the United States and continental Europe — West Germany, Denmark, Finland and Switzerland.

### Aid

Some \$400 million in aid had been budgeted this year for Nepal, most of it in the form of concessionary loans.

This represents 30 percent of the gross domestic product of one of the world's poorest countries, where annual income per head averages \$160.

Donors have been criticised by supporters of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), now negotiating for free elections and a constitutional monarch.

They allege that much of the aid has been siphoned off in corruption while donors framed a picture postcard view of Nepal as a model of stability in a turbulent Third World.

Nepal, closed to the world until the early 1950s, has caught up much faster than diplomats expected with international political aspirations.

Diplomats were not helped in assessing the level of popular resentment against the king by traditional Nepalese reticence. Many Nepalese traditionally revere their monarch as a descendant of the Hindu god Vishnu and long prison terms have awaited overt critics.

The people of the Kathmandu Valley went public in force with their feelings only last Friday, when tens of thousands marched on the royal palace.

Health sources said security forces shot dead 50 people to halt the march. The government put the toll at six while the opposition said between 150 and 200 were killed.

"Everybody was taken by surprise," Sen Gupta said. "I think everyone's picture of Nepal was a peaceful little place, resting happily in the hands of the king."

But as the MRD had gathered momentum in the wake of the democracy movements of Eastern Europe, Nepal found it hard to convince diplomats that the movement was a communist plot.

### Pressure

There has been donor pressure on the king, diplomats say. Much of it has been private, but the US State Department pulled no punches in denouncing Friday's decision to open fire outside the royal palace.

Japan, a major donor, has probably put pressure too, Sen Gupta said. It had given no fresh aid to Nepal on the grounds that the unrest had impeded the planning of new projects.

There has been strong popular support for the MRD in India, which prides itself of being the world's most populous democracy. The Nepali Congress Party, the main force behind the MRD, has close links with India's opposition Congress Party.

Indian governments traditionally dislike dealing with authoritarian neighbours and are also watchful of Nepal's relations with China, which fought a border war with India in 1962.

But India's government appears to have stuck to a promise that it will not bully subcontinental neighbours.

Probably the least enthusiastic observer of the Nepalese upheaval has been China.

Nepal borders Tibet, where the capital Lhasa has been under martial law since pro-independence demonstrations led to violent clashes with Chinese security forces a year ago.

"China is very sensitive to any form of democratisation in Nepal," a diplomat in Beijing said.

On Monday the king, an absolute monarch, had yet to agree to submit himself to parliamentary control or to dismiss the unpopular Panchayat, councils chosen in non-party polls.

Some democracy campaigners stayed off the streets to mull over the fine print of the royal proclamation.

### Leader

"That's what I've been thinking about all night, one of the reasons I'm at home," said Devendra Raj Panday, a human rights leader freed from detention on Saturday.

"If you were to listen to the slogans they're shouting outside, they're celebrating the fall of the Panchayat system — and the system's still very much here."

He endorsed the decision by party politicians to negotiate once the king lifted the 30-year-old ban on their activities.

"We can't afford any more killings," Panday said.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1544 — Denmark repudiates its alliance with France.  
 1629 — Peace of Susa ends war between England and France.  
 1672 — Alliance is signed between France and Sweden against Dutch.  
 1834 — Republican uprising in France is crushed by army under Adolphe Thiers.  
 1849 — Hungarian Diet proclaims independence with Louis Kossuth as governor-president.  
 1865 — US President Abraham Lincoln is shot by actor John Wilkes Booth at Fords Theatre in Washington, D.C., and he dies the following morning.  
 1890 — Delegates to Washington Conference of American States create what is to become Pan American Union.  
 1912 — Liner Titanic strikes iceberg in North Atlantic, and more than 1,500 lives are lost when ship sinks.  
 1931 — King Alfonso flees in Spanish revolution, and Alcala Zamora becomes president of provisional government.  
 1945 — US bombers pound Tokyo and Japan's imperial palace in World War II.  
 1970 — US Apollo 13 spacecraft heads back to earth after moon mission that had to be aborted because of mechanical problems.  
 1972 — Terrorists set off chain of explosions across Northern Ireland, killing several people.  
 1977 — Soviet Union orders its fishing fleet to observe strictly new fishing regulations set by United States off its coast.  
 1987 — Syrian troops deploy at outskirts of Lebanese port city of Sidon — farthest south they have been since Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982.  
 1988 — Soviet Union signs accord to end its intervention in Afghanistan and to allow Red Army to start troop withdrawal.  
 1989 — Chad government says it has thwarted rebellion against President Hissene Habre.

Victory shows East bloc political trend

# Conservatives win Hungary polls

## Antall may head govt

BUDAPEST, Hungary. (AP): Voters ended the communist era by giving a strong government mandate to Hungary's main conservative party in what could be a centre-right political trend among Soviet bloc countries.

The Hungarian Democratic Forum, which campaigned on a platform of anti-communism, conservative values and Hungarian pride, scored an impressive victory in parliamentary elections that ended Sunday.

The Democratic Forum captured 165 of the 386 seats at stake Sunday and in the first round of voting March 25 — 42.75 per cent of all the parliamentary mandates, according to unofficial final results.

Despite forecasts of a close race, the liberal League of Free Democrats got only 92 seats and 23.83 per cent of the mandates, forcing the rival party to bury any aspirations of sharing a government role.

The ruling socialists, created by reformist communists last October, won just 8.55 per cent of the seats. Despite their commitment to political plurality, the socialists were hurt by their legacy of decades of repressive communist rule.

The Democratic Forum's strong showing meant it could form and dominate a coalition with parties that share its conservative views — the agrarian Smallholders and the Christian Democrats.

The Smallholders captured 11.14 per cent of the mandates, and the Christian Democrats were tied for fifth with 5.44 per cent. Thus, a conservative coalition headed by the Democratic Forum would control nearly 60 percent of the national legislature.

It was the second consecutive victory in Soviet bloc elections for conservative forces. Conservatives also won big in East Germany's Mar 18 vote, falling just short of a majority, in the first free national elections in any Warsaw Pact country.

As in Hungary, the remnants of the long-ruling communists were relegated to a relatively minor opposition role in East Germany.

There was no clear conservative trend in Poland last June, when voters participating in their first elections in more than four decades endorsed Solidarity candidates sharing an anti-communist bent but no particular ideological platform.

But conservatives in other East European countries preparing for the first free elections in more than four decades clearly hope that the same anti-communist backlash that worked in favour of kindred parties in East Germany and Hungary will also give them an edge.

In Czechoslovakia, where voters go to the polls June 8, the hope of victory has resulted in the Christian Democrats in Slovakia forging an alliance with Czech centre-rightists despite a general drifting apart of the two constituent republics. Only the conservatives have managed to formally co-ordinate their election strategies nation-wide.

The Slovak Christian Democrats, led by Czechoslovak Deputy Premier Jan Carnogursky, are expected to win up to 60 per cent of the vote in their traditionally Roman Catholic republic, and the well-organised alliance is likely to finish strong overall in the country.

The election picture is confusing in Romania, where about 70 political parties have sprung up or been revived in the wake of the December revolution that ended the dictatorship of Nicolae Ceausescu.

But the nation's strongest conservative force, the 700,000-member national Peasants' Party, is given the best chance of defeating the National Salvation Front.

The front took control of the country in the chaos of the revolution but was later forced to share some power. It is suspected by many conservatives of harbouring unrepentant communists.

The Peasants' hand has been strengthened by an election alliance with the liberals and Social Democrats — the two other leading parties — the mandates co-operation up to May 20, when voters are to go to the polls, in an effort to defeat the National Salvation Front. Shared antipathy toward the front may even translate into a government coalition led by the Peasant's Party, despite the three parties' diverging ideologies.

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The kidnapping of the couple among a family group from a yacht in the Mediterranean in November 1987 was an unusual departure for the Palestinian Revolutionary council (FRC), set up by the Palestinian hardline in 1973.

Most of the FRC's previous actions were clearly born of Abu Nidal's unswerving hatred of Israel and of Arabs seeking a political settlement with it.

Although he is widely believed to be in Libya, a cloak of mystery is maintained over his whereabouts.

But what is certain is that his bloody war has been largely scaled down by a bitter internal rift within his FRC and tightening of screws of his activities by Khaddafis now eager for better ties with his Arab neighbours and Western detractors.

Abu Nidal has waged a war across three continents with killings, bombings and hijacks, a true revolutionary to his allies but to his enemies a

was central in "round-table" talks between eight opposition groups and the Communist Party.

Those talks paved the way for Hungary's return to Western-style democracy and for groups like the forum to register and compete as political parties. Antall was elected president of the forum last October.

A man of medium build with thick grey hair, bushy eyebrows, a slight stoop and a heavy tower lip, Antall exudes the authority of a strict, reserved but friendly headmaster.

He was born on April 8, 1932, the son of a leading anti-Nazi member of the independent Smallholders' Party who served as a minister for construction after World War II.

He was educated in medicine at the University of Budapest but was banned from practising after spending a few days working for the Smallholders' party last October, Antall was head-hunted by both the parties with which the forum now wants to form a coalition.

He chose the forum, which has received backing from the US Republican Party and West Germany's ruling Christian Democratic Union, as the party offering all three political principles he holds dear.

Thereafter he worked in the neutral field of medical history, where, he pleased to stress, he could avoid writing Marxist theory. He eventually became director of



## Nidal scales down activities

NICOSIA. (Reuter): Under pressure from its latest mentor, Libya's Muamar Khaddaf, a group led by the world's most wanted commando Abu Nidal on Tuesday released a European couple and their baby girl after two years of unexplained captivity.

His FRC broke away from the mainstream Fatah organisation of Yasser Arafat in 1973, and since 1987 has had its headquarters in Tripoli, although this is denied by the Libyan authorities.

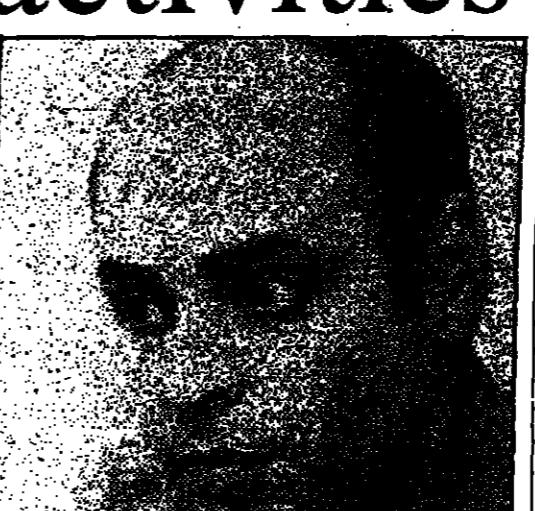
Its alleged presence there was one reason why the United States last January renewed trade and diplomatic sanctions against Libya.

But Palestinian sources in Tripoli said soon afterwards that Abu Nidal's organisation had been thrown out of its offices in the Souq Al Jumaa quarter of Tripoli and its training camp in nearby Al Sawan.

In October 1988 two leading members, Atef Abu Bakr and Abdelfrahman Isa, broke away from the FRC and accused Abu Nidal of killing 156 of his associates, including relatives, in recent purges.

Diplomats in Tripoli said the split in the FRC activities, but it would not acknowledge having neutralised the FRC until such time as Washington indicated clearly it wanted to talk to Khaddafis.

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Abu Nidal: released hostages

## Letters to the editor

### Role denied

SIR: This is with reference to a letter which appeared in the AT issue of 9/4 under the title "Approb role". It appears that the writer had taken a few stiffs ones before writing the letter and the smell of whisky to which he alludes must have come from his own big mouth!

The letter is a fabrication from beginning to the end. Approb is short for Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen. Where the writer makes his Jewish connection defeats one's imagination.

It appears that the writer has been given a special portfolio by the Islamic Ummah at large to question all Muslims as to whether they are Muslims only by name and, without attending a seminar, brand the association which organised the seminar as one that desolates Islamic ideology merely on heresy.

The writer then goes on to try and link Approb through a founder member, with whom he has an axe to grind, to an event where Pakistani girls danced to disco music. Funds were collected and cards/prizes were distributed free to bribe the general public.

I am sure the writer has some twisted logic with which he can explain why anyone would go to the bother of collecting funds and then squander them away by distributing cards/prizes free. As a member of Approb, I can categorically deny involvement of Approb with any such programme. The writer's allega-

tions are libelous and devoid of all facts. One wishes that such persons should at least get the facts right before writing about an organisation.

The writer then concludes by saying that the panel of judges for the essay "My role in building a better Pakistan" should be "Pakistani". All the judges are prominent Pakistanis! What the writer forgets is that a Pakistani, whether he assumes another nationality or not, does not cease to love or cherish his country and is always fit to judge an essay on Pakistan.

The writer continues with his sick logic to simply state that the third judge does not know anything about Pakistan! I am not sure by what right he has made these judgements, and am appalled that such a person can write nonsensical letters in a foreign press to malign his country's good image and throw dirt at others.

I sincerely hope that in future, such people will settle their personal scores in some other manner and refrain from writing letters that do not make sense and are an insult to normal intelligence and proper and constructive criticism.

An Approb member,  
(Name & address supplied).

### No recognition

SIR: Following two letters on the Welfare Society for Goans in the Arab Times last week, I am compelled to

make the comments as it concerns Goans here.

We do not recognise the Welfare Society as we have not been told about it. From the reports it is learnt that the management of the Welfare Society is headed by ex-members of the Kuwait Goan Association. Is this W.S. represented by the Kuwait Goans are they running it by another name?

Yes, Goans have benefited from the Kuwait/Goa flight promotion and they are indeed grateful to those who have worked hard to achieve it. Here special mention has to be made of Averiano Furtado and Vincent de Souza and others on the committee. We Goans still back up the old committee until we are sure what this Welfare Society can do.

And about the May Queen, we Goans have enough other clubs here to organise such functions for Goans, we do not want Welfare Society to give us more dances. Let them work to uplift the lower class of Goans in their difficulties.

Gregory D'Sa,  
Kuwait.

ALL Letters to the Editor must contain the writer's name and address. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor and letters are subject to the editing process for space or other reasons.

# Kurds flee insurgency

CIZRE, Turkey. (Reuter): Kurdish families are fleeing their ancestral mountain villages and heading for the safety of big towns away from the heart of a growing separatist insurgency in southeast Turkey.



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein (right) meets with US senators including Senator Republican leader Robert Dole (left) and Senator McClellan (right). (Reuter wirephoto)

# Arabs, enraged by West, rally to Iraq's defence

## Changes in the East and Soviet Union fracture the political map of Mideast

CAIRO, April 13, (Reuters): Arab states, rallying to Iraq's defence in its row with the West are genuinely enraged by what they regard as unwarranted bullying tactics.

"They recent the West singling out an Arab country for a lecture in morality when it is the United States and its allies that have nuclear and chemical arsenals," a diplomat said.

Iraq has been accused of trying to smuggle nuclear triggers from the United States, while in Britain officials seized what they suspected was a huge "doomsday gun" being shipped to Iraq disguised as parts for a petrochemical plant.

Baghdad has dismissed the charges as baseless. Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein's declaration last week that he had no need of nuclear arms because Iraq had binary chemical weapons provoked nervousness and envy in many Arab countries, diplomats said.

Described as the poor man's nuclear bomb, chemical arms were an attractive option for some Arabs who saw themselves fighting a losing battle against Israel's state-of-the-art technology supplied free by the United States.

Arabs believed Israel has at least 200 nuclear warheads.

Iraq was reported to have killed

thousands of Kurds during the Gulf war with a chemical attack on the border town of Halabja in 1983. Baghdad has denied gassing Kurds.

Arab insecurity prompted by rapid change in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe also underpinned the vociferous support for Saddam's warning that he would retaliate against any Israeli attack by burning half of the Jewish state.

Arab radicals could no longer count on the unswerving support of Moscow, the diplomats said, while recognition of Israel on the part of newly-emerged democracies like Poland had fractured the political map of the Middle East.

"There are worries that East European economies could soak up Western credit and that Soviet Jews might swamp Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories," said the diplomat.

"This encourages Arabs to adopt the posture of a porcupine, rolling up and presenting a barbed front in an uncertain world."

Behind the scenes, however, was some unease over Saddam's aggressive bid for primacy in Arab affairs and his championship of the Palestinian cause, diplomats said.

Syria came untypically to Iraq's aid.

Saying Arabs must band together after Saddam's threat of retaliation prompted an outcry in Israel and the United States.

Under President Hosni Mubarak's leadership, Cairo projects the image of moderate peace-maker, seeking to dampen inter-Arab tensions and mediate an Arab-Israeli peace settlement.

It mended ties with Syria last December after they were broken in 1977 over Egypt's overtures to the Jewish state and Cairo has joined Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen in forming an economic bloc, the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC).

# Shamir vows to block creation of Peres govt

## Religious party deputy withdraws his resignation

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 13, (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir predicted yesterday he would be able to block the creation of a government led by Labour's Shimon Peres and establish a coalition led by his right-wing Likud Party.

Peres' plans to present a Labour-led coalition for parliamentary approval on Wednesday were dashed when two ultra-orthodox religious party members of parliament withdrew their backing despite a signed agreement.

form a government. Asked whether he would consider another national unity government, Shamir said, "if they suggest it, we will examine it."

Shortly after the collapse of the government last month, Shamir turned down a request by Peres to join another coalition government.

Amid reports of internal Labour disputes and possible calls of Peres' removal as head of the party, former defence minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday he would continue to help Peres establish a government under the conditions of the Labour leader's presidential mandate. Rabin, an architect of Israel's peace initiative, is considered a possible replacement for Peres as leader of the centre-left Labour Party.

"I see national and party importance to prevent the setting up of a right-wing narrow government headed by the Likud," Rabin said in a statement. "In time, the institutions of the Labour will have to take steps to ensure this."

President Chaim Herzog gave Peres, who decided against seeking a vote of confidence because of the last-minute turn of events, a 15-day extension of his initial 21-day mandate to form a government.

"First of all we will prevent the setting up of a government headed by the Labour," Shamir told Army radio. "After this happens, after the setting up of such a government is prevented, I suppose that the President will impose on someone from the Likud the task of setting up a government."

Shamir's government fell in a vote of no-confidence March 15, two days after the 15-month-old Labour-Likud "national unity" government coalition collapsed.

While Peres has been trying to collect a majority in the 120-member Israeli parliament, the Knesset, to win a vote of confidence, Shamir has been lobbying for support to block the Labour leader's efforts.

Shamir's Likud Party had tried hard to persuade him to stay in parliament and support a right-led government.

Labour had hoped Verdiger would stick to his resignation, allowing Agudat Israel to appoint a successor who would vote for Peres.

Verdiger said on Wednesday he had been influenced by New York-based Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, head of the Lubavitch Jewish sect, who opposed ceding any part of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Labour leaders were meeting in Tel Aviv to discuss the development, which further dimmed Peres' prospects of restoring a 61-59 majority in the 120-seat parliament.

Schneerson, 88, is the latest elderly sage of emerge as a power broker in Labour's attempts to form a government.

"The worst fear is that the fate of Israel's government is in the hands of a rabbi who lives in Brooklyn, who has never set foot in Israel," the mass circulation Yediot Achronot daily said in an editorial.

Schneerson heads the worldwide Chabad-Lubavitch movement and wields influence over two members of the five-man ultra-orthodox Agudat Israel Party which agreed to back Labour leader Peres, giving him a one-seat parliamentary majority.



A Greek orthodox priest reaches up to remove a Star of David (unseen) from the door of a disputed building on Thursday that some 150 Jews had occupied. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Tense Good Friday

### Settlement angers clergymen

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 13, (Reuters): Thousands of Christians will march through the Old City of Jerusalem in a Good Friday procession overshadowed by a violent dispute over a new Jewish settlement in the heart of the Christian quarter.

Pilgrims from all over the world marking the crucifixion of Jesus Christ will walk past the disputed complex housing 150 Jews, located near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, traditional site of Jesus' interment and a key tourist site to which pilgrims flock every year.

The religious Jews moved into the complex late on Wednesday, angering clergymen and Palestinians who saw it as a provocation during Easter week.

Israeli police tear-gassed Christian and Muslim clergymen to quell their protests and fired rubber bullets to disperse masked Arab stone-throwers.

Greek Orthodox Patriarch Diodorus I, who led the march, said police pushed him to the ground and broke an icon he was wearing. Witnesses said police clubbed an aide to Diodorus, who was treated at a church clinic.

"I feel indignation and condemnation and I denounce all these acts. This week is the most sacred

week for Christians, and the Jews have desecrated our holy festivals," the patriarch told journalists.

Later an Israeli court ruled that the site belonged to the Greek Orthodox Church but the Jews obtained an injunction from a higher court that enabled them to remain there at least four more days. The settlers said they had bought the complex from two Armenians who the church said were only tenants.

● The Palestinians' human rights group Al Haq accused the Israeli Army on Thursday of killing a 16-year-old Arab youth without provocation in the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah last week.

■ Ethiopia accused its enemies on Thursday of running a smear campaign over the sensitive issue of the emigration of black Jews to Israel.

The official Ethiopian News Agency (ENA) did not deny Ethiopian Jews, known as Falashas, had emigrated to Israel but said it was no more than normal practice.

■ Hungary's Ambassador Erno Simonvay said Wednesday his government has instructed Soviet authorities to stop letting Jewish emigres go to Israel via Budapest until the backlog of those already holding tickets is cleared.

Both sides and other belongings of the children lay scattered on the street more than two hours later.

Kabul has been the target of many rebel rocket attacks during the 11-year-old rebel war.

The bodies of an air force pilot and a rebel were exchanged at Dar Malook, south of Kabul, on Wednesday.

■ Jalaluddin Haqqani said in the northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar.

He said the pilot was killed when his fighter crashed near Kabul on Monday after being hit by a rebel rocket; other rebel sources said he had been captured alive and killed later.

The rebels who belonged to Haqqani's Hezb-i-Islami group was killed in fighting with government forces the same day.

Haqqani said the two sides contacted each other over radio and agreed to a ceasefire to exchange the two bodies.

Haqqani leads the largest of the groups which have besieged Kabul for most of the 11-year-old war between the Western-backed rebels and the Soviet-supported government.

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high-handedness.

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## Mahfouz calls for changes in political system

CAIRO, April 13, (UPI): Nobel laureate, Nagib Mahfouz said in a magazine interview published yesterday that Egypt still had some way to go before it could call itself a democracy, and described Islamic fundamentalists as operating a state within a state.

"What we have is chaos ... it is partly democracy and partly totalitarianism," the 1988 laureate for literature told the government-supervised Egyptian magazine Al Massar.

"(Egyptians) cannot make up our minds whether we want full democracy or not," the outspoken writer was quoted as saying.

Mahfouz, who was sentenced to death by an Egyptian religious leader, also called for Islamic parties to be allowed to operate freely.

"It's better to allow (the banned

Muslim Brotherhood) to operate in the open and formulate its own programme, rather than letting it operate underground, because it will remain a powerful threat to the stability of society if it continues to work in secret," he said.

EAST BERLIN, April 13, (Reuters): East Germany apologised to Israel and all Jews yesterday for the Nazi holocaust and accepted joint responsibility for the slaying of six million Jews during World War Two.

"East Germany's first freely-elected parliament admits joint responsibility on behalf of the people for the humiliation, expulsion and murder of Jewish women, men and children," said a statement read by Speaker Sabine Bergmann Pohl to a televised session of Parliament.

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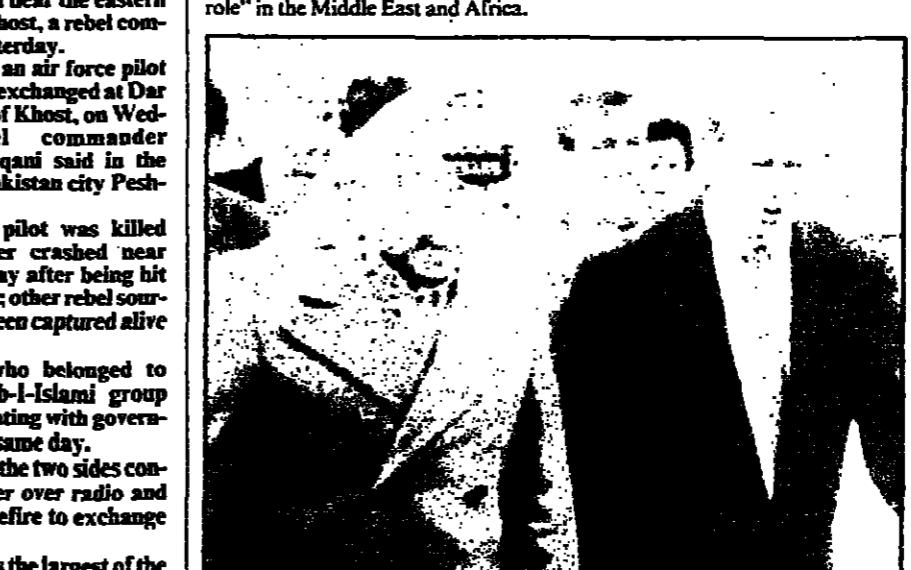
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Czech President Vaclav Havel meets Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on his arrival in Prague yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## EVENTS



## Madame Tussaud's at the Kuwait International

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down through the generations. His elementary school project was carving figurines and murals. Over the years his dexterity at vegetable, fruit and styrofoam carving leaves one spellbound and wondering at how those nimble hands move! For the hotel he makes carvings appropriate for all the promotional events taking place.

## BBC World Service

## The Mystery of Edwin Drood

Charles Dickens died on June 10, 1870, at the age of 58. He left behind him a half-written novel set against a background of opium dens and nocturnal graveyard visits. *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* has intrigued generations of readers and remains a mystery without a solution. The late actor and writer David Buck who, like Dickens, died at an early age, had been working on the novel just before his death. His five-part dramatisation of the novel and completion written in 1980 by Leon Garfield begins this week and stars Ian Holm and Moir Leslie.

On Sunday, April 15 at 15:01 and 22:01.

## Making matches

Finding a partner of the opposite sex is usually left to chance by Western society but arranged marriages are regarded as the norm by many other cultures. Alenka Lawrence examines modern methods of match-making and the people who have tried them out.

On Sunday, April 15 at 17:01 and Monday, April 16 at 09:30 and 13:01.

## The Dancing Fiddles

Ron Gonella is one of Scotland's foremost fiddle players and an authority in Scottish fiddle music. In the first of a series of eight programmes he is joined by other musicians to play Scottish and Irish music arranged for two fiddles, flute, harp, piano and double bass.

On Saturday, April 14 at 14:15.

## Shakespeare's Stratford

Shakespeare was born in Stratford in 1564. Most of his life was spent in London but on his death in 1616 he was buried in the parish church of his home town on the banks of the River Avon. Derek Blizzard visits modern-day Stratford, a busy town of 20,000 people, where the Royal Shakespeare Theatre stages the Bard's plays throughout most of the year and where the Birthplace Trust is fundamental in preserving houses connected with Shakespeare and his family.

On Sunday, April 15 at 05:30 and 19:15 and Monday, April 16 at 10:30.

Recommended frequencies are: 17.64 MHz/17.01m; 15.07 MHz/19.91m; 11.76 MHz/15.51m.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Kaleidoscope

A colourful spectrum of British and American 20th century music — including: Britten, Gershwin, Elgar, Copeland and Sandiehine, Frances Coade — voice: Trevor Platt — piano. On April 18th at the British embassy. For more information Tel. 5318060 ext 19, 8 am-1 pm.

## Sultan Gallery

Furniture of Kuwait, pre-oil 1940s furniture, is currently on show at the Sultan Gallery, daily from 10 am to 12 noon and 8 to 10 pm.

From April 16, 1990, "The Mosques of Isfahan" exhibition will be shown at the gallery; it will be open daily from 10 am to 12 noon and 8 to 10 pm.

## Bits 'n' Pieces

An interesting 8 week course in patchwork and quilting techniques. For details contact Tel. 5634663.

## SOCIAL

## Summer Affair '90

THE Weekend Club will host their traditional "Summer Affair" on the first day of Eid Al Fitr (April 26) at the Regency Palace Hotel. Watch or participate in the selection and crowning of the 1990 Summer Queen, join in a Jive Contest, watch a scintillating display of "Lambada" or simply let your feet loose to the music of Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers. Gala buffet, loads of prizes and most important have a good time. For reservations call 4315425 (Julio), 5741380 or 4890566.

## Airline night

The airline staff launches its second annual get-together at Ramada Al Salam Hotel (Le-Mirage Grand ballroom) on Thursday the April 26, 1990. An evening with live music by top bands, fashion parade, etc. limited reservations. Please contact Celestino, tel. 3240631/2420661 or any staff on 5652073/2429277 (Cynthia).

## Indian Cuisine Centre

Indian art of fancied lac bangles and designful henna work comes live at the finest Indian cuisine centre of Kuwait at the Maharaja Palace Restaurant. Come savour the delicacies whilst giving your lady a gift to cherish. For more information contact 2406150.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 1.00 Opening & Holy Quran
- 1.15 World Today via Satellite (repetition)
- 1.30 Science programme
- 2.30 Historical serial
- 3.35 Health Educational Programme
- 3.50 Daily Arabic serial — Al Maraya
- 4.35 Daily religious programme
- 4.45 Daily Arabic serial — Rafat Al Hajan
- 5.30 Daily Religious talk
- 6.15 Cartoon serial
- 6.45 After Iftar
- 7.00 Daily children serial — Madinat Al Ajayeb
- 7.45 Public announcements
- 8.00 Religious programme — Nour Al Islam
- 8.45 Daily variety programme — Jihana
- 9.45 Daily local Programme — Tales of the Past

programme on the occasion of Holy Ramadan

9.45 Face To Face. Interviews are held with important and prominent personalities. Interesting topics and matters are discussed.

10.15 Final Run. The fugitive son succeeds in arriving in Belfast onboard a vessel where he finds refuge at his grandmother's house... But he is still chased by the secret Irish Army...

11.00 Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom

11.30 Feature film. "The Young in Heart." Starring: Gane Glynour. A family of robbers attempt to take over possessions of a wealthy old lady who succeeds in changing their conduct.

9.00 New in English

9.30 Welcome Ramadan A religious

## KTV 2

- 8.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
- 8.10 Brave Star. A cartoon series for children
- 8.30 Survival. Quest in the flooded forest. A look at animals, birds and insects in "Amazonia" the flooded forest in Equator.
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## PAC veterans' committee

Pakistan Arts Circle veterans are reorganising the PAC to revive its tradition of presenting colourful cultural programme for the benefit of the Pakistani community. The PAC veterans held a "Musical Nite" last month which manifests the future aspirations of the PAC Veterans.

The organising committee, named to revamp the PAC and launch a membership campaign, has invited the Pakistani community to join the PAC. The committee includes: Abdul Sattar Qureshi (PAC founder member); Qazi Abdus Rauf (PAC Veteran); Abdul Sattar Ghazali (PAC Veteran); Sheikh Mehmod Ali Qidwai (PAC Veteran); Chaudhry Ahmad Khan (bank officer); Nasrullah Khan (business executive); and Zahid Butt (businessman).

## Career and Vocational Guidance

Goan Welfare Society will conduct a seminar on Career and Vocational Guidance on April 20, 1990 at 5pm, at the Indian Embassy auditorium. All Goan students from standard IX, X, XI are invited to attend along with their parents. Professionals will speak on specialised topics such as engineering, architecture, interior design, computer science, hotel management, banking and medicine. For further information please contact Bras Silveira on tel. 4849006 or Rudolph Fernandes tel. 2438011.

## APPROB Eid dinner venue

THE venue of the Gala Eid Milani party of the Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen has now been changed to the Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom-A to accommodate more guests, an APPROB press release said.

The Gala Party will be held on Friday 27th April. It will include dinner, music, songs, comedy and a colourful display of Pakistani national costumes.

There will be special entertainment and games for children under the age of 10. A lucky draw with attractive prizes and American auction will also be held for the benefit of needy students of Pakistani schools in Kuwait.

For further details and reservations please contact: 5317390, 5386201, 5316273, 2425315, 5631815, 5613934, 2522647.

## Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmad

## St George's Day Variety Show

The English have never been a nation to blow their own trumpet, not since the last Calcutta Cup at least.

Kuwait Little Theatre is taking over the role of English Herald with their St George's Day Variety Show to be staged in the Unity Centre in Ahmad on Thursday 19, April at 7:30 pm. For those who don't know, the Unity Centre is situated opposite the rugby pitch on Mid 7th Street.

Coincidentally, April 23, the official St George's Day is also the birthday of another great Englishman, one William Shakespeare, late of Stratford-upon-Avon in the county of Warwickshire, and as such is fitting that a theatre group should arrange the celebrations.

The St. George's Day Variety Show is directed by George Price, who despite being actively involved in theatre in Kuwait for over thirty years has not directed since the KLT production of Camelot in 1981.

He has put together an all singing, all dancing extravaganza ranging from Benjamin Britten to the Beatles, Shakespeare to Pantomime, and a good old Cockney knees up.

Among the artists who have volunteered their services are June Woolston, Phil Thomas, Paul Dillon and Patrick West from the Kuwait Folk Group, on the musical side and Mike MacGuiness, Robert Puddicombe and Jim Williams on the acting side. The show is more or less split equally between musical numbers and short sketches.

The standards set by the director are high, what else could you expect of a person who took KLT's production of South Pacific on tour to Lebanon in the late sixties, with Phil and June performing pop

and classical music with their usual professionalism, and the Kuwait Folk Group, who are fast becoming the people to see in concert in Kuwait, have had spots in the show.

The sketches and readings included in the show have been chosen carefully to achieve as broad a cross section of English theatre culture as possible. Mike MacGuiness shows his versatility as an actor, appearing in the Shakespeare number and in comedy sketches.

Those of you who attended the St George's Day Review last year will remember Eric Shaw's brilliant funnny rendition of Albert and the Lion. This year he will do Oh You do look Queer.

A typically English night out would not be complete without a visit to the chip shop on the way home. Kuwait Little Theatre are going one better, they will serve you with fish and chips after the show, all inclusive in the ticket price.

Another great Englishman, Henry VIII, took 2,000 horses, 3,997 people, food, armours and a fabulous tent painted to look like a castle to France in 1520 for an away fixture tournament against Francois I of France. The logistics of such a move into insignificance are those required by the Kuwait Little Theatre who have to organise the moving of the set, the sound system and the stage lighting from the KLT to the very much bigger Unity Centre stage.

Naturally the English have called upon the services of the Celts to make these arrangements, the stage crew predominate with Scots, Welsh, Irish and Australians, plus two token Englishmen.

Tickets and table reservations can be booked by telephone 3919759 now.

## Miss Goa 1990

An Indian girl based in Kuwait was recently chosen Miss Goa 1990 in Goa, India. Twenty-three year old Susan Rego, who spent her very infant years in Kuwait, at her successful East Meets West show last year, was in Goa on a private trip when her father encouraged her to take part in the contest at a Goa hotel. "I didn't expect to win," said Susan, who will now represent Goa at the Miss India 1990 contest, organised by the women's magazine Femina. Susan works as a secretary in a private firm in Kuwait; singing is her hobby which has taken her places and she has rejected several offers from Bombay producers. For the sultry beauty, a home and family are more important.

## Kuwait Continental Hotel

Ramadan activities: Garde

denia: Serves an Iftar Buffet

Daily with Continental, Arabic

and Indian delicacies. A la carte

dinner and snacks also available.

Barbar: Serving exquisite

Indian Food from 7:30pm until

midnight.

## Kuwait Plaza

## SPECIAL

Ramadan

Activities: Al Dardar coffee

shop features authentic iftar

with sumptuous dishes, mezza,

sweet, Ramadan drinks and a

special buffet.

## NOURA

## TERRACE

Surrounded by man-made

waterfalls and green sceneries

offers all kinds of light meals,

juices, ramadan drinks, bubbly

bubble and trick trak in an

open air atmosphere. open from 8 pm until 2 am.

## LA PERCOLA

The beach

side open air restaurant offers

light meals and snacks from

sunset to midnight.

## SPORTS

## FILCHECK

black and white

nite

The Filipino Chess Club in

Kuwait (FILCHECK) will

hold its "Black and White

Nite" on Thursday, 12 April

1990 at 7:00 pm at the

Kabayan Restaurant.

As the name implies, all

guests and participants are to

come in black and white attire

to celebrate the club's

First Affair featuring 1) the

induction of its first elected

Board of Directors

2) Awarding of

the ceremony of the First

Ramadan

Chess Tournament and

3) The

first ever

organised by the club.

Invitation for all members

are now available at the club's

headquarters. For details

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## North Sea oil drilling set for record

LONDON, April 13. (Reuter): In the quest to squeeze the last drops from maturing oilfields companies are drilling more wells in the North Sea than at any time since activity slumped after the mid-1980's oil price collapse, North Sea analysts said.

They agree a record 300 exploration and appraisal wells look set to be drilled in 1990, against the previous record of 298 in 1984, and this despite poor weather earlier this year.

But the average oil found per well drilled is now only eight to nine million barrels compared to 130 million in 1970, said Gareth Lewis-Davies, North Sea analyst with county Natwest Wood-Mac.

"We will never go back to the days when huge reserves were discovered," Lewis-Davies said.

Even so, 810 million and 425 million barrels of recoverable oil were found in the UK sector in 1988 and 1989 respectively, he said.

The last 12 to 18 months saw increased discoveries as more wells were drilled and technical improvements, particularly from advances in seismic interpretation, enhanced the efficiency of the search, he added.

Technological improvements also saw development costs fall, making it economic to exploit those small fields below 50 million barrels.

Some small fields were particularly attractive if close to established large fields, enabling existing production systems to be used, Lewis-Davies said.

A spokesman for the petroleum department of stockbrokers James Capel agreed a record number of wells could be sunk in 1990, despite bad weather in January and February.

Earlier in the year, James Capel estimated 330 wells would be sunk in 1990.

"The weather in February really delayed everything three to four weeks... some rigs were idle for five weeks," he said.

Recent stability in the oil price around \$18 to 20 per barrel had enabled oil companies to plan exploration budgets with some certainty — a key factor contributing to the upsurge in drilling, the James Capel spokesman said.

Keith Morris, North Sea analyst with stockbrokers Kitcat and Aitken, said that oil majors had also stepped up drilling ahead of the next allocations of North Sea drilling acreage, due soon.

Competition for further acreage was very competitive and the UK government is expected to favour active companies, he said.

## US retail sales dip

WASHINGTON, April 13. (Reuter): Led by declining car sales, retail sales fell for the second consecutive month in March, dropping 0.6 per cent, the largest decline in six months and the latest sign of a slowing of the US economy.

The Commerce Department reported on Thursday that retail sales dropped to a seasonally adjusted \$148.55 billion in March.

The decline was led by automobile sales, a major component of total sales, which fell 1.4 per cent in March.

Excluding automobiles, overall sales fell by 0.4 per cent in March after a 1.5 per cent increase the previous month.

Auto sales, which dropped 6.5 per cent in February, have fallen in five of the last six months.

The retail sales figures followed a more encouraging report on Wednesday that businesses planned to boost their spending on new plants and equipment from an earlier estimate.

## 70pc of Soviet economy could be in private hands

MOSCOW, April 13. (AP): A top legislator said yesterday that up to 70 per cent of the Soviet Union's state-run economy could be turned over to private hands in reforms likely to begin next year.

But Pavel Bunich, deputy chairman of a Supreme Soviet Committee on Economic Reform, said he could not say whether the government will press hard enough to accomplish reforms of that magnitude.

"If we want to take small steps, we will get nowhere but to a general collapse," Bunich told a news conference.

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev said earlier this week that he will meet tomorrow with his presidential council of the Federation to hear the government's proposals for radical economic reform.

He said that reforms previously scheduled to take effect in 1992-1993 — in a plan presented by Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov just four months ago — should be moved up to this year and next.

Bunich predicted that opponents of such radical

## Taiwan expected to cut oil, coal imports

TAIPEI, April 13. (Reuter): Hit by an industrial slowdown, Taiwan is expected to cut oil and coal imports this year and reduce its own production because of declining consumption, officials said today.

Taiwan imported 29.5 million tonnes of crude and fuel oil in 1989, up from 27 million tonnes in 1988, the energy committee said.

Oil imports are expected to fall to 28 million tonnes this year, committee

director Kao Jih-An said in an interview.

He said coal imports also dropped to 16.8 million tonnes from 17.5 million. Imports will further fall to 16.4 million tonnes this year.

Officials attributed the drop in both oil and coal imports to declining energy consumption by Taiwan's industry, including the manufacturing and ship-breaking sectors.

They said energy consumption by the

industrial sector accounted for almost 60 per cent in 1989 and is expected to drop to 58 per cent this year. In contrast, it represented more than 63 per cent in 1986.

Taiwan's industrial production growth dropped to 3.7 per cent in 1989 from 1988's 4.43 per cent and 13.9 per cent in 1986. The index is expected to fall further this year, officials said but did not give figures.

Many labour-intensive factories,

including footwear, toys and textiles, have closed or moved production overseas because of a labour shortage, anti-pollution protests and the appreciation of the Taiwan dollar in the past three years.

Taiwan's ship-breaking industry, once a big consumer of energy, has all but folded in the face of stiff competition from Mainland China and India, officials said.

Service industries such as banking,

insurance and stock brokerages are now using more energy but the increase will not make up the loss by the industrial sector, an official at the Bureau of Statistics said.

The energy consumption by the service sector will continue to rise in the next few years. But it only accounted for about 25 per cent of the island's total consumption in 1989," he said.

Households accounted for 12 per cent and agriculture, three per cent.

Taiwan itself produces only 3,400 barrels of crude per day and four million cubic metres (5.2 million cubic yards) of natural gas.

But the gas reserves will be depleted in 10 years, said Lin Chung-Piaw, director of the ministry's mining department.

Taiwan's coal production will drop to 600,000 tonnes in 1990 from 784,000 tonnes in 1989 and 1.23 million in 1988, the Bureau of Mines said.

Saudi, Kuwait oil ministers to meet

## Market, prices to be reviewed

BAGHDAD, April 13. (Agencies): The oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq will meet in Riyadh in early May to discuss oil market and price developments, the official Iraqi news agency INA said yesterday.

It said the meeting would prepare for the regular Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) ministerial conference, due to be held in Geneva on May 25.

The agency said the meeting was part of regular consultations on oil matters between the three Arab countries.

International crude prices have slumped in the past week as the perception grew that world markets were awash with oil.

Soaring output by Opec was cited as the main reason for over-supplied markets.

Meanwhile, United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba was quoted yesterday as saying Opec would act to halve the current slide in world oil prices.

The UAE, which has rejected as unfair its official Opec quota of 1.095 million bpd, is currently producing twice as much.

Several Opec officials and independent oil industry executives have blamed the Gulf Arab producer for being responsible for much of the present surplus that is driving prices down.

Authoritative Opec sources said several Opec ministers talked by telephone on Wednesday about action that might be taken to counter the slide in oil prices.

But the sources said that an emergency meeting was unlikely and that the goal was rather to see whether some key producers in the Gulf could cut output.

Acting Opec president said he had been conducting "intensive consulta-

agency Wam quoted him as saying. Wam, received in Cyprus, said Oteiba was referring to the sharp decline in oil prices.

Prices plunged nearly \$6 per barrel this year because the 13-member group produced about two million barrels per day (bpd) above its self-imposed ceiling of 2.086 million bpd.

"Opec has the means to restore balance to the petroleum market," he added.

The UAE, which has rejected as unfair its official Opec quota of 1.095 million bpd, is currently producing twice as much.

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Authoritative Opec sources said several Opec ministers talked by telephone on Wednesday about action that might be taken to counter the slide in oil prices.

But the sources said that an emergency meeting was unlikely and that the goal was rather to see whether some key producers in the Gulf could cut output.

Acting Opec president said he had been conducting "intensive consulta-

Oteiba did not say if he was involved in the talks and whether the UAE would take any individual steps to further decline in oil prices.

In London, Opec's oil ministers are weighing various steps, including an urgent meeting, to halve the substantial drop in oil world prices, the organisation's acting president Sadek Bousenna said yesterday.

Analysts said they were skeptical the oil ministers would take effective steps against the unusually steep price drop, and predicted weak prices in the near-term.

"I think it's really all noise and very little action," said Geoff Pyne, an oil analyst with the London investment firm UBS Phillips and Drew.

Said Nick Clayton, an analyst with Smith New Court Plc: "crude prices are in for a rocky and turbulent time over the next few weeks."

Prices have fallen some \$3 a barrel in recent weeks, more sharply than usual during the traditional slump between winter and summer.

Analysts blame the price drop on overproduction by some Opec members.

Acting Opec president said he had been conducting "intensive consulta-

nons" with his fellow ministers about the price slide.

The options under consideration included an urgent meeting of the eight-member ministerial monitoring committee and an extraordinary meeting of all 13 members, he said.

The acting president, who also serves as Algeria's oil minister, made the comments in an official statement released yesterday by Opec's Vienna secretariat. The statement was made available in London.

Opec's 13 oil ministers have a regular full meeting scheduled for May 25 to set their output and price for the second half of the year.

Clayton predicted oil ministers would gather in early May. But Pyne said the ministers won't meet before May 25 unless prices fall even further.

Opec's monitoring committee studies oil market conditions and makes policy recommendations to the full Opec conference, while it formally has only the eight members, its sessions tend to be attended by all Opec ministers.

Bousenna's statement is "a recognition that there are difficulties in the oil market," Clayton said.

## American banks see lending risk in E. Europe

WASHINGTON, April 13. (UPI):

US banks now perceive increased risks in lending to the countries of Eastern Europe and will resist being used by Western governments to implement a public policy agenda in the region, bankers said yesterday.

Paul McGonagle, senior vice-president at the First National Bank of Chicago, told the US Chamber of Commerce's symposium on doing business in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union that Eastern Europe's creditworthiness has deteriorated and the area political and economic liberalisation could "exacerbate" current social tensions.

In contrast, officials from multilateral organisations and the US government told the symposium that the Eastern European countries will receive massive international public financial help and technical assistance and will see liberalised the rules that until now prohibited western exports of sensitive technologies to communist nations.

US private banks see a danger that Eastern Europe's political liberalisation, and economic reform might be reversed and a great deal of "variance" in the possible results of such efforts, thus producing a perception of increased lending risk, McGonagle said.

As a consequence, lending to heavily indebted East European governments in support of balance of payments will be limited, and US banks will favour to participate in equity investments, joint ventures, trade financing and customer-based operations, the banker said.

## Stocks drop

## Dollar firm

TOKYO, April 13. (Reuter): Position adjustments ahead of the weekend saw Tokyo stocks ended lower but well off mid-afternoon lows today, while the US dollar ended higher in quiet, lacklustre trading.

"The (stock) market fell sharply recently so it's naturally adjusting and consolidating," said Kazuma Kitai, director of Japanese equities at country Northwest Securities Japan.

The key 225-share Nikkei index dropped 409.28 points or 1.38 per cent to 29,213.29. It gained 182.92 yesterday.

The dollar finished at 158.42 yen and 1.6712/22 West German marks after closing at 158.15/25 and 1.6710/20 in New York yesterday.

European, Australian, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Singapore markets are closed on Good Friday.

Most of these foreign exchange markets will also be closed for the Easter Monday holiday. With no big corporate and interbank orders, the US dollar moved narrowly in an extremely thin market, dealers said.

Sparsely traded stocks saw exaggerated effects of the selling, brokers said.

"There were so few players in the market anyway, it was so quiet," said one foreign broker.

Analysts have few hopes the market will climb out of its narrow trading box next week or even in several weeks.

However, many said shares had hit their near-term bottom last Thursday when the Nikkei dipped at one point to 27,251.

George Nimmo, manager of equity sales at SBCI Securities (Asia), said that until the yen shows signs of a convincing recovery, the Nikkei index should remain glued to a range of 28,000 to 30,000 points.

"We need a stronger yen," Nimmo said, "but the sentiment is against the yen."

But many currency dealers see the US dollar continuing to have a strong bias against the Japanese yen next week. They forecast the US dollar in ranges of 155.50-160.50 yen and 1.6500-1.6830 marks.

Market doubts over the strength of Group of Seven political currency is seen weighing on the ailing Japanese currency.

This negative sentiment was reinforced after a local newspaper reported yesterday that joint intervention in Europe was on behalf of the Bank of Japan.

Both the Australian and Hong Kong stock markets were closed for the Good Friday holiday.

## Oil prices plunge

## Saudis keep world guessing

LONDON, April 13. (Reuter): Saudi Arabia kept the world guessing yesterday about where it would like to halt a dramatic slide in oil prices.

Several Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) ministers conferred by telephone about what action might be taken to counter the slide, authoritative Opec sources said.

They said the goal was not so much to try to arrange an emergency meeting, which they said could be counterproductive, but to see whether some key producers would cut output towards agreed quotas.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, however, was visiting Egypt. Market analysts said Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, might hold the key to the direction of prices.

Under pressure of Opec over-supply, prices for North Sea Brent blend crude oil for immediate loading — a world-wide pricing bellwether — dropped some \$1.50 on Wednesday to be quoted as low as \$15.05 per barrel.

This would be a drop in a weak of almost 53%.

Would-be sellers said talk of some action to curb supply by Opec, even if it was only rumour, inspired caution.

Western oil company executives say these two key producers are each pumping between 300,000 and half a million barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil above their Opec-mandated quotas.

For most of Opec, according to delegation sources, the critical issue is what Saudi Arabia and to a lesser degree Kuwait want the drop in prices, now at the lowest level since early 1989, to bottom out.

Both countries belong in an Opec camp that favours

keeping a lid on energy costs to try

# Bank profit surges

BAHRAIN, April 13, (Reuter): Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), Bahrain's largest commercial bank, said its net profit surged five-fold to five million dinars (\$13 million) in calendar 1989.

BBK said in a statement operating income jumped 33 per cent to 12.2 million dinars (\$32.4 million) while expenses moved seven per cent higher to 9.5 million dinars (\$25 million).

Provisions against doubtful loans were cut to seven million dinars (\$18.6 million) from eight million (\$21.3 million) in 1988.

Assets fell 10 per cent to 687.6 million dinars (\$1.83 billion) while loans declined four per cent to 328.4 million dinars (\$87.3 million).

BBK — owned by institutional and private shareholders in Bahrain and Kuwait — was given a waiver by the central banks of both countries on provisions for 1986 and set aside 29.2 million dinars (\$7.7 million) against loans for 1987.

## New trade group proposed

GENEVA, April 13, (AP): A Canadian trade official yesterday proposed a new world trade organisation with more powers to settle disputes.

John Crosbie said he presented the proposal to Arthur Dunkel, director general of the 96-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which currently draws up international trade agreements and rules on disputes.

The proposal will be discussed at a meeting of trade ministers in Mexico next week, said a statement from the Canadian mission to GATT.

Critics of GATT, which is technically a contractual agreement, have often cited its inability to enforce its judgements in trade disagreements or prevent unilateral decisions and bilateral deals. The Canadian proposal seeks to address this issue.

"Countries will increasingly resort to unilateral action unless there is a strong, multilateral method for resolving trade disputes," Crosbie said.

The statement said the establishment of a new organisation depends on successful conclusion in December to the so-called Uruguay round of talks on liberalising trade.

The Uruguay round aims to draw up new rules in areas such as agriculture, investment, textiles, services like banking and intellectual property rights such as trademarks.

Crosbie said an institutional framework will be needed to implement the many complex aspects of any trade agreement made during the Uruguay round.

## UK inflation rate jumps

LONDON, April 13, (AP): Britain's annual inflation rate jumped to 8.1 per cent in March from 7.5 per cent in February, largely because of increases in mortgage rates, the government said yesterday.

The expected increase brought the rate to its highest level since July, when it stood at 8.2 per cent.

Britain's unemployment rate held steady at 5.6 per cent in March, the government also reported.

Britain's inflation rate, the worst among the major industrialised nations, is expected to move up to 9 per cent before falling back again. Curbing resurgent inflation is Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's No. 1 economic priority, and 15 per cent interest rates are her weapon.

The Department of Employment said its retail price index rose 1 per cent in March from the previous month, putting it 8.1 per cent higher than in March 1989.

The department said its index, which uses a January 1987 base of 100, stood at 121.4 in March, 120.2 in February, and 112.3 in March 1989.

The department blamed recent rises in mortgage rates, but also cited higher food prices.

It estimated that the underlying annual inflation rate, excluding mortgage rates, rose to 6.3 per cent from 6.2 per cent in February.

The department said it expects a further sharp increase in inflation in April.

Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major has said that a new per-capita tax called the community charge, introduced this month, will boost the inflation rate.

## Free trade zone planned

ANKARA, April 13, (Reuter): Turkey will establish its sixth free trade zone at Istanbul's Ataturk airport, the official gazette said yesterday.

"The first part of the zone, where about 20 companies are to be established, will be completed in June," a State Planning Organisation (SPO) official told Reuters.

About 800 foreign and domestic companies have already applied to operate in the Istanbul free trade zone, she said.

Income originating from trade in the zones is exempt from all taxes and duties.

# Local banks' assets growing, says CBK study

THE aggregate balance sheet of local banks (commercial and specialised) in January 1990 grew by KD 105 million (0.8 per cent) over the previous month and KD 95 million (8 per cent) over the corresponding month in 1989 to reach KD 13,268 million.

This growth included an increase of KD 82 million and KD 60 million in local assets and liabilities respectively. The net foreign assets declined by KD 22 million because the increase (KD 45 million) in foreign liabilities exceeded the increase (KD 23 million) in foreign assets, according to Kuwait Central Bank's monthly Monetary

review.

The month of January 1990 witnessed an increase in the Central Bank operations with local banks when its KD balance as a net lender to these banks increased by KD 35 million (11.4 per cent) over the previous month, resulting from an increase of KD 20 million in its claims on banks of both discount operations and swap operations and a decline of KD 15 million in banks' balances with the Central Bank.

On the level of public debt instruments offered in January 1990 eight issues of treasury bills (from issue No. 85 to issue

No. 92), totalling KD 595 million.

Meanwhile, five previous issues of these bills (from issue No. 72 to issue No. 76), totalling KD 491.2 million matured in the same month, raising the outstanding balance of these bills to KD 1920 million, an increase of KD 103.8 million (5.7 per cent) over the previous month. Also, it is noteworthy to mention the Central Bank activity in the market through open market operations, the total of which (buying and selling treasury bills by the Central Bank) reached KD 194 million, an increase of KD 39 million (25.2 per

cent) over the previous month.

On the other hand, since no new issues of treasury bonds were offered and no previous issues matured in January 1990, the outstanding balance of these bonds maintained its level (KD 370 million) of the previous month. Thus, the outstanding balance of public debt instruments (treasury bills and bonds) increased by 4.7 per cent over the previous month, reaching KD 2290 million.

As for interest rates in the money market, interest rates on interfacial bank KD deposits increased slightly in

290.33 fils and 293.03 fils, an average of 291.65 fils.

The KD also improved by 1.9 per cent against the Japanese yen. Conversely, the KD declined against other major currencies at rates ranging between 2.33 per cent against the French franc and 1.47 per cent against the Italian lira.

Despite this decline, the KD performance was more stable than that of the U.S. dollar against major currencies due to its decline against them at rates far less than the rates of decline in the U.S. dollar against the same currencies.

Aramco's expansion plans likely to gain momentum

# Joint venture banks foresee more loans

BAHRAIN, April 13, (Reuter):

Saudi Arabia's joint venture banks, buoyed by their strong performance in five years, foresee more growth in their loan portfolios provided oil prices do not fall too far in 1990.

Bankers say a huge influx of

funds spawned by higher oil prices and interest rates in 1989 fuelled a dramatic rise in profits for most of the kingdom's nine joint ventures.

Many banks were also able to cut loan loss provisions which previously devoured large portions of their income and to step up lending as the kingdom's economy gathered momentum.

"Generally it is an upbeat economy," Mehmud Mistry, managing director of the country's largest joint venture, Saudi American Bank (Samba), told Reuters.

"The size of the pie is steadily growing and the drain on resources by loan loss provisions is

much smaller," he said.

Samba owned 40 per cent by Citibank, saw its net profit surge 79 per cent to a record 422 million dinars (S\$12 million) in 1989. Its profit rose 34.5 per cent in first quarter 1990.

Bankers said a tide of govern-

ment payments to contractors —

many long overdue — which began late last year had boosted liquidity in the banking system.

Official figures show deposits in the kingdom's 12 commercial banks grew 5.9 per cent to 142.8 billion dinars (\$3.6 billion) in the year to February 1990.

But bankers said they believed the market share of the joint ventures had risen sharply. Three of the seven who have reported 1989 results so far have had record net profits.

A 3.4 per cent rise in the volume of "cheap" or non-interest bearing funds to 66.2 billion dinars (\$17.6 billion) also

improved the banks' performance.

Many customers in Saudi Arabia put their money in current accounts because of Islamic religious strictures against interest. The banks lend the funds on interest in the interbank market.

"There has been a general increase in operating profit across the board — deposits have grown and loans have picked up, thanks to an upturn in industry," Ammar Mehta, managing director of Saudi British Bank, told Reuters.

"Most banks are comfortable with the level of loan loss provisions they have now ... there is a feeling in varying degrees they have 'broken the back' of the problem," he said.

Bankers said after years of grappling with private sector loans hit by the mid 1980s recession, most of the joint ventures

had provided against more than 60 per cent of the doubtful debt.

Saudi British returned to the black in 1989 with a 123 million dinar (\$32 million) net profit. It recorded a 239 million dinar (\$64 million) loss in 1988 after setting aside provisions of 300 million dinars (\$80 million).

Mistry said expansion plans by the state oil firm Aramco was expected to gain momentum in the next few years, providing more lending opportunities for Saudi banks.

Firms would increasingly be

expected to provide their own

finance as the government gradually reduced its role.

Saudi Aramco plans to spend up to \$20 billion over the next 10 years to gradually expand its crude output capacity to around 10 million barrels per day from 6.5 million now — provided world demand continues to grow and crude prices hold.

## Drastic anti-inflation plan

# Collor wins approval

BRASILIA, April 13, (Reuter): President Fernando Collor da Mello won congressional approval early on Thursday for his drastic anti-inflation plan which freezes most of Brazil's liquidity for 18 months.

"I am extremely satisfied with the result of the session in Congress," said Collor, who took office on March 15. The next day he unveiled one of the most severe monetary reforms the world has ever seen to fight an inflation rate of nearly 5,000 per cent.

Political analysts hailed the congressional approval as a major political victory for Collor, whose tiny party of National Reconstruction (PRN)

approved the heart of Collor's anti-inflation plan — strict limits on withdrawals from bank accounts which in the short-term have practically turned millionaires into paupers.

It approved measure 168, which rules that Brazilians cannot take more than 50,000 cruzeros, a little more than \$1,000, from bank and savings accounts over the next 18 months. They can take 25,000 cruzeros, or 20 per cent of the total, whichever is the greater, from money market accounts.

The rules do not apply to money deposited since March 16.

From September 1991 Brazilians will be allowed to draw their money out in 12 monthly instalments. Some wonder whether they will ever see their money again, despite solemn government assurances.

In the government camp, there was jubilation at the victory in Congress.

"This is an historic day for the national Congress," said Renan Calheiros, leader of the government in the chamber of deputies.

# IMF team for Egypt

CAIRO, April 13, (Reuter): An International Monetary Fund (IMF) team was due to begin a fact-finding mission to Cairo this weekend aimed at preparing the ground for further talks on economic reform.

Economic sources said the team of technical experts would reassess Egypt's economic performance rather than negotiate reforms. No date has been set for a visit by a negotiating team.

Egypt, burdened with a foreign debt of some \$50 billion, has been holding talks with the IMF and the World Bank for almost two years on broad economic reforms.

A green light from the two institutions would allow Egypt to reschedule some of its foreign debt, and, it hopes, attract fresh foreign aid and investment.

But Egypt, wary of accepting Western-prescribed medicine for its state-dominated economy and unwilling to risk social unrest, has resisted pressure for drastic economic changes.

Economic sources said that as the IMF talks dragged on, a new fact-finding mission was needed this month to reassess data already gathered as a basis for previous negotiations.

The IMF is pushing Egypt to raise interest rates, devalue the Egyptian pound and curb its

budget deficit.

Egypt went a long way to meeting one of these demands last year by announcing a cut in its budget deficit at the beginning of the financial year last July.

By late summer, both Egyptian and IMF officials were optimistic that an agreement was within sight. But prospects of a quick deal receded as both sides failed to agree on interest and exchange rates.

With Egypt preparing to announce a new budget for the year beginning July, it has to convince the IMF that it is serious about curbing government spending.

However, analysts say they are optimistic that an agreement can be reached this year as Egypt comes under increasingly heavy pressure from foreign creditors demanding repayment of outstanding debt.

There has been considerable progress in parallel talks with the World Bank, which have focused on reforming the public sector and improving agricultural production.

Egypt announced at the beginning of this month that it was setting up a special committee to study selling off parts of the public sector — a key World Bank demand.

The Bank of Japan has raised the official discount rate four times since the spring of 1989

to the current 5.25 per cent from a mere 2.50 per cent, but with only small success in slowing the yen's decline.

Meanwhile, the Central Bank has pressured banks to reduce the amount they lend in an effort to slow money supply growth.

The tighter stance will slow Japan's capital outflow first by shrinking the amount available for investment and second, by narrowing international interest rate differentials, analysts said.

Economists estimate the clampdown could cut Japan's long-term capital flows by 30 to 40 per cent over the next few years, and the shift is already under way.

"The pool of money that Japanese institutional investors have to invest with is going to be smaller," says Hidehiko Iwaki, economist at Nomura Research Institute Ltd.

But with interest rates creeping higher throughout Europe, especially in West Germany, Japan has been forced to reverse its easy money policy.

The yield on a 10-year government bond has

climbed to around 7.25 per cent compared to 8.58 per cent on the benchmark US 30-year treasury bond.

The narrower yield gap is already having impact on foreign bond purchases by institutional investors.

For example, Japan's 15 investment trust firms sold a net 407.76 billion yen of foreign bonds in March after 307.78 billion in net sales in February, a spokesman for the investment trust association of Japan said.

Officials at life insurance firms also said that total assets of their companies should grow at a slower pace this year, giving them less money for overseas investment.

Deutsche Bank's Iwaki warns that US funding prospects are only going to get worse.

Capital could become even scarcer this year as the second biggest foreign investor in government debt, West Germany, may begin to keep more capital at home to assist unification.

Although the lack of international capital may not directly trigger higher US interest rates, as many other factors play a part, Washington must halt its spendthrift policies as it finds fewer customers for its debt, analysts said.

Arab Times, Saturday, April 14, 1990

January 1990 on all deposit maturities

at rates ranging between 0.80 per cent (from 8.28 per cent to 8.34 per cent) on one-year deposits and 0.11 per cent (from 8.42 per cent to 8.43 per cent) on one-month deposits. Meanwhile, they reached 0.19 per cent (from 8.41 per cent to 8.42 per cent) on three-month deposits.

Among the most important developments witnessed by the KD exchange rate during January 1990 was that improvement (1.18 per cent) recorded due to its decline against them at rates

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## Video Corner

Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy in *Driving Miss Daisy*

## Moments of realisation

By Shaun Seekins

DRIVING Miss Daisy has plenty of moments that show why it was chosen for this year's Oscar award. The film covers a time span of 25 years, (the sense of time passing is primarily conveyed by Dan Aykroyd's growing belly and receding hairline), it concentrates on the relationship between Daisy Werthan (Jessica Tandy), a gruff old woman of the South and Hoke (Morgan Freeman) her black chauffeur. As the story opens, Hoke has been forced upon Daisy by her son, Boogie (Dan Aykroyd), because Daisy's advancing age has made her a terror behind the wheel. He suffers under the harsh words and mistreatment of the rude and unpleasant Miss Daisy, who resents the fact that she is getting old and needs a chauffeur.

Of course, nobody needs a crystal ball to forecast that she will come to her servant and that he will accept and understand her. But despite the film's apparently noble intentions the whole premise is built upon the outmoded relationship of master-servant domination.

Even when they are sharing confidences there is no evidence of equality. By the time that Miss Daisy finally tells him that he is her best friend — the dramatic climax of the story — she is losing her grip on reality and rapidly becoming senile.

Despite suffering from the problems associated with plays that are turned into films, that of being 'opened out' to include more characters and events, the acting of Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman is so bi good that the faults can be easily ignored.

Queen Of Hearts is a very enjoyable, heartwarming story that is set in London but could just as easily be in New York. The story opens in a small Italian village, where the lovely Rosa is about to enter into an arranged marriage with the cruel Barbariccia. Rosa's mother is all for the status-elevating marriage, but Rosa's heart belongs to Danilo, a simple but hardworking young man. Moments before the marriage

Rosa decides to run off with Danilo and following a dangerous leap from a church tower, the couple escape to London.

We then jump forward several years, to the point where Rosa and Danilo are the proud owners of a small espresso cafe and four children, the youngest of which — Eddie — provides the narration for the film.

Things run fairly smoothly for the family until Barbariccia arrives on the scene. He opens a card club and hires Danilo's eldest son Bruno away from his father's cafe. When he also buys the catering equipment store that supplies Danilo, he is able to repossess his espresso machine, leaving Danilo facing financial ruin. Danilo attempts to regain his fortunes by playing cards with Barbariccia but he plays badly and is ultimately forced to wager his wife's hand.

White Lies is an entertaining romantic comedy telling the story of a couple who meet on a plane bound for Rome and spin a few stories about themselves which land them in all sorts of trouble when they fall in love.

Sparks: The Price of Passion stars Victoria Principal as the Mayor of a small New Mexico town who gets caught up in a series of killings.

The Academy Awards presentation ceremony is now available for those who like to do some stargazing.

The above films by courtesy of the Video Club, Salmyah, Tel. 574372; Salihah Complex, Kuwait City, Safeway Shopping Complex, Farwaniyah and Fintas Towers.

**FAMILY DOCTOR**  
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

### NASAL SPRAY COMBATS BED-WETTING

QUESTION: My girlfriend knows of the troubles I'm having with my youngster, so when she can't report about a new drug to help bed-wetters she called me. However, I have been unable to find anything out from my local TV station, and all I know about the medicine is that it's a nasal spray. Is this enough for you to be able to provide me with the information that could help solve our problem?

ANSWER: Your information is correct and certainly enough for me to point you in the right direction. After all, there are not many new drugs for this problem that come in the form of a nasal spray.

The new medication is called DDAVP Nasal Spray, marketed by Rorer Pharmaceuticals and just recently was approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Many children who do not respond to the many existing treatments for bed-wetting at night (medical term: nocturnal enuresis) were found to lack normal levels of a hormone called arginine vasopressin. This hormone, which functions as an anti-diuretic hormone, diminishes the production of urine particularly at night. The lack of this hormone is thought to be the cause of many cases of bedwetting.

The new medicine is provided as a nasal spray, which may make it a bit easier to give to children. The medication is sprayed into each nostril at bedtime. If the initial dose of 0.2 milliliters for patients 6 years old and above is ineffective, the dose can be doubled. One recent study reported a 41 per cent reduction in the number of "wet nights" with this treatment.

Of course, all of this should be under the care of your physician, for this medication is by prescription only. The medication comes in 3-milliliter vials and should be sufficient for about a month of treatment. By the time you read this, I'm sure your physician will have all the information on this new product and will be able to help you.

QUESTION: I know that a person with severe diarrhoea loses lots of water from the body, and liquids should be given. However, I'm not sure just what fluids are considered correct or if the kind of drinks that athletes use to combat dehydration are useful. Will you please provide me with some information?

ANSWER: Not only is the water loss in acute diarrhoea important, but the body is also lost. When the fluids and electrolytes are not replaced, the body may become even more dangerous than the diarrhoea dehydration may occur. The goal is to replace all that is being lost, as well as to provide some basic fluids.

Old-fashioned tea and honey, and chicken broth (without fat) can work wonders, and commercially available Gatorade or non-diet, non-caffinated soft drinks are useful to assure sufficient volume. Fruit juices help provide additional carbohydrates, but avoid fruit juices that have a laxative effect, such as orange juice.

You can prepare your own solution by following this recipe exactly: one quart of water, 3/4 teaspoon salt substitute (potassium chloride), 1/2 teaspoon baking soda; 3 tablespoons white corn syrup (Karo syrup); one packet of unsweetened powdered drink mix, or concentrated fruit juice to taste. This will provide the recommended electrolyte requirements in the right concentration. The recommended intake is about two quarts of liquid a day or up to three quarts if fever and sweating are present.

**Pop**  
**Sinead O'Connor, I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got (Ensign, 21759)**

Irish singer Sinead O'Connor wears her heart on her sleeve, and on her second album, *I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got*, it sounds as if her heart has been broken.

This bald 23-year-old with the crying voice returns to vinyl with a collection of songs filled with loss — loss of a lover, of her carefree youth.

Since her debut album, *The Lion and the Cobra*, O'Connor has become a more mature singer, relying less on the sheer power of her high voice and more on its fragile emotion.

gone are the pounding beats, shouted vocals and strange imagery of earlier singles such as *Mundinko*. In their place are sparsely arranged songs with O'Connor's voice laid bare over a few strings, guitar or piano.

On the Prince-penned single *Nothing Compares 2 U* she quietly mourns a lover who has left, almost pleading, almost

crying. The video echoes the sparse theme, using nothing but a closeup of her face, tears dripping down her cheeks.

On other songs, O'Connor seems to regret her early success.

*I never said I was tough. That was everyone else, she sings on you cause as much sorrow. So you're a fool to attack me for the image that you built yourself.*

The record may disappoint some fans of the aggressive hard-rock beats behind her earlier hits, but the pure sincerity of her voice toned down for the new, sadder songs is likely to win over most.

**Jazz**  
**Sonny Rollins, Falling in Love with Jazz (Milestone, M-917909)**

Saxophone colossus Sonny Rollins is out with a ballad album (or as close as he can get to one) with a little help from his friends.

These are indeed ballads, but the distinctive gritty tone and Rollins' energy carries them into another dimension. He is joined by young tenor Branford Marsalis, Tommy Flanagan or Mark Soskin

on piano, Jerome Harris or Bob Cranshaw on electric bass, Jeff Watts or Jack DeJohnette on drums, and Clifton Anderson on trombone.

This is Flanagan's first recording with Rollins since the latter's epic *Saxophone Colossus* album in 1956. The two tracks with Flanagan, Marsalis, Harris and Watts, *For All We Know and I Should Care*, are beauties.

For Rollins' ability to get inside a song and make it his own, there may be nothing finer here than the up-tempo classic "Tennessee Waltz." The other tunes are Rodgers and Hart's *Little Girl Blue* and *Falling in Love with Love*, and Rollins' own composition, *Sister*.

This is a session that is relaxed, for Rollins, and invigorating for listeners. Give it five stars.

**Country**  
**Dan Seals, Love on Arrival (Capitol, 91782)**

Dan Seals seems to be reaching a new level in his country music career with this

album. It includes his single hit *Love on Arrival*, a catchy tune that is climbing the charts.

**Wood** is a poignant metaphor-in-song about how, just as a carpenter shapes wood, *We're Are the Choices That We Make*. *Bordertown* is another above-average song — timely about third world people trying to get into the United States.

Other exceptional material on this album include *Good Times*, *Water Under the Bridge*, *Heart in Search of Love*, *Longstar* and *Game of Love*.

This album proves once again that Seals has the talent and patience for finding really meaningful songs, shaping them to his style and delivering them with emotion.

**Classical**  
**Neeme Jarvi, Scottish National Orchestra, Prokofiev: The Prodigal Son and Other Works (Chandos, 8728)**

The thing to remember about Prokofiev is that he was more dissonant when young, more melodic in his old age. So his

second and third symphonies are noisy, the first, a sarcastic parody of Haydn and Mozart, is an exception and the fifth, sixth and seventh are tuneful.

The fourth? It connects his early and late styles. You look like an intelligent, sensitive person, you'd probably like it.

If you do encounter it you will learn that its main themes are drawn from Prokofiev's own ballet *The Prodigal Son*.

Here is that music in its original form. The main themes are among the cleverest in 20th century music. But you may find as Prokofiev himself did, that you prefer them in a symphony, played with, rather than in a ballet, strewed among other melodies of less appeal.

The other works on the disc, preceding the main fare, are a divertimento, an orchestrated andante drawn from a piano sonata, and symphonic song. These are early, angular and often arid works.

No problems with the performance or engineering quality. But these works are only for the diehard prokofie.



Red Belt Zoe Jones

## On the record

## A collection of songs filled with loss

## Two-year-old gets her kick from ju-jitsu

By Claire Lockhart

MUGGERS should steer clear of little Zoe Jones. For the tiny tot packs a powerful punch and is already a red-belt in the martial art of ju-jitsu... and she's only two.

Proud mum Audrey says: "She just loves it. And she can even follow instructions in Japanese."

Audrey, 32, who lives in Lyme Regis, Dorset, explains: "I don't think it is cruel to teach a toddler ju-jitsu. Although Zoe is only two, she knows all the basics. And in this day and age, you can never be too careful, anyway."

"She started just after her second birthday last June. And now she understands everything you tell her to do. If you say the name of a punch in Japanese, she'll do the punch and her kick."

**Little Zoe Jones has already claimed the title of Britain's youngest red-belt holder and her enthusiasm for this martial art has her dad completely floored!**

"And with a little bit of help, she can count from one to 10 in Japanese. She's very advanced and very clever."

In fact, little Zoe — who is the country's youngest red belt in ju-jitsu — could be a black-belt holder before she is 12 years old.

Audrey told me: "It started off with my husband Kevin, who is very into martial arts. When a ju-jitsu group started up in the town, he got friendly with the instructor. Then our son Victor, who is 11, got involved. And then our eight-year-old daughter Charlene and Zoe started."

"It is classed as a gentle martial art, not a violent one. Ju-jitsu is made up of about seven different techniques including lock-holds, pressure points and wrist technique. The reason it is different from karate is that it is more of a lock-and-throw technique than punch-and-kick."



(Top to bottom) Victor, Charlene and Zoe Jones.

## Confidence restored

Tourism makes a comeback to Sri Lanka

## Travel

By Tim Hanson

KANDY, Sri Lanka. (UPI): Ajantha Pushpakumara's little business on the banks of the Maha Oya river is doing better these days now that ethnic violence in Sri Lanka has dramatically decreased and tourism appears to be making a comeback.

Pushpakumara, 25, owner of the "Pinnawala Cool Spot," sells soft drinks and big brown bottles of tiger lager beer to tourists who come to watch elephants from the nearby Pinnawala elephant orphanage bathe in the nut-brown river that snakes through the verdant countryside.

Six months ago, fewer than 50 tourists a day came to see the elephants. Now, he said, the number has more than doubled.

"Business is good," said Pushpakumara.

The story is much the same at other tourist-dependent business along the 70-mile road between Colombo and Kandy, the popular hill country town northeast of the capital. Southern beach communities such as Bentota, Hikkaduwa and Galle report similar gains.

According to the Ceylon Tourist Board, 26,368 tourists arrived in February — an 113.6 percent increase from February 1989 when only 12,344 tourists visited.

"The trends are very clear," said BI Gunatunga of the Ministry of Tourism. "The trend is up and we're hoping that it will continue. The prospects look much brighter than at any time in the last six years."

Sri Lanka was something of an off-the-beaten-track tourist mecca in the early 1980s. Travelers from around the world journeyed to the teardrop-shaped island off the southern tip of India to relax on clean, uncrowded beaches or at quiet hotels and rest in the cool, tea-growing hill country.

Then in 1983, violence erupted when ethnic Tamil militants, demanding an independent state for the mostly Hindu 3 million-strong Tamil minority, went to war against the central government, which is controlled by the Buddhist-Sinhalese majority of 11 million.

The deployment of Indian troops in 1987 under an unpopular plan to end the Tamil uprising ignited a rebellion by ultra-nationalist Sinhalese elements of the People's Liberation Front, known by its Sinhalese initials, JVP.

With the government fighting civil wars on two fronts, the tourist industry was devastated. Tourism had earned 125.8 million in 1983, and by 1989 the number had dropped to 75.6 million.

The Indian army battled Tamil separatists in the north and east, while the Sri Lankan military, augmented by government-sanctioned vigilante groups, fought to crush the JVP in much of the rest

of the country.

JVP militants regularly exploded bombs, organized labour strikes and assassinated opponents. They forced virtually the entire hotel industry in the south to close through walkouts and sabotage of water, power and transport services.

Thousands of people died in the violence and it was not unusual for motorists to see bodies dumped by roadsides or on beaches, many having been first doused with gasoline and set afire.

Lionel R. Korlage, manager of the Hotel Serendib, a luxury beach hotel in Bentota, 40 miles south of Colombo, remembers a death threat note he received from the JVP on Nov 7, 1988.

"We had 130 guests in the hotel and the JVP asked us to go out on strike," Korlage said. Korlage and other area hotel managers agreed, but chose to keep 10 percent of their staffs working to look after the guests.

That wasn't good enough for the JVP.

"I was in my quarters reading a paper about 5:45 pm when one of the staff brought me a letter that had been delivered to the hotel earlier," Korlage said. "The letter said that if I didn't close the hotel by 6 pm I would be shot."

Korlage complied immediately and did not reopen for two months.

About the same time, the government found the situation to be so bad that it took the desperate step of asking tourists to leave the country.

Widespread unrest continued unabated until last year when the government negotiated a cease-fire with Tamil rebels, forcing India to withdraw its troops, and the entire leadership of the JVP was caught and killed, ending much of the violence that had battered the country.

It was only then that the tourism picture became brighter.

"Until last October, most hotels were barely surviving," said A. Kumara Mallimarakchi, chairman of the Colombo-based Ceylon Hotels Corp. "We thought then that we would never recover. But now there are predictions that we're heading for a record year. My prediction is that next winter's tourist season, from Nov 1 through April 30, will be the best tourist season we've experienced since 1983."

Should that happen, the economy could well see the kind of surge that occurred in the early 1980s and made Sri Lanka a model for the developing world.



## Tunnel vision problem

NEWARK, New Jersey. (UPI): The judge admitted the system failed, at least for Damaso Vega who had spent more than seven years in New Jersey prison on the word of three witnesses who now say they lied at his murder trial.

Middlesex Superior Court judge Robert Figariato apologized to Vega last year when he reversed his conviction.

Jim McCloskey, a businessman turned divinity student turned inmate-advocate, spent several years finding the evidence that frees Vega. McCloskey believes such failures are common in the system.

Jurors, who are supposed to bring open minds into the courthouse, tend to believe in the guilt of someone charged with a crime, McCloskey said.

"Their minds have been brainwashed and distorted by TV," he said. "They believe a la Perry Mason that the innocent are acquitted and that the system works almost flawlessly."

McCloskey, whose Centurion Ministries is based in Princeton, has won freedom for a number of men in New Jersey and two people in Texas — a man who narrowly escaped execution for murder and Joyce Ann Brown, who was convicted of armed robbery and murder. He took on his first case as a student at Princeton theological seminary after an inmate he met as a volunteer at Trenton State Prison convinced him he was innocent.

He believes that as many as 10 per cent of those convicted at trial are innocent.

"It's certainly not a scientific, documented proposition," he said. "It's based on the thousands and thousands of requests that we get from around the country. It leads us to believe that the phenomenon of a wrongfully convicted person is as rare as a pigeon in the park."

Vega was convicted in 1982 of strangling a 16-year-old girl. Like other prisoners McCloskey has freed, Vega, a dark-skinned Hispanic, was poor, and he had a minor criminal record prior to his arrest for murder.

"When people with some kind of record get put to the bar, it stains them even in the eyes of those who defend them because the presumption of guilt is there," McCloskey said. "If they are persons of colour, then that makes it worse."

He believes that police and prosecutors will not knowingly try to convict an innocent person but that they develop tunnel vision once they decide the crime is solved and will do almost anything to secure a conviction.

New Jersey, denies McCloskey's charges.

"The obligation of a prosecutor on any law enforcement officer is to see that justice is done," Del Tufo said. "In my career, I've found that that is the sole star of people that I've dealt with."

McCloskey, the people he has freed and his associates point to a number of problems with the system.

They say court-appointed lawyers are often inexperienced, overburdened or both. Defense lawyers and public defenders do not have the resources for investigation to match the police departments, prosecutor's investigators and federal and state agents available to the prosecution.

But McCloskey believes the biggest problem is the use of co-operating witnesses — either people admitted involved with the crime who win leniency for testimony against others or those charged with other crimes who claim to have heard jailhouse confessions.

Del Tufo acknowledge that co-operating witnesses and informants must be handled carefully.

"I've never in my career authorised a prosecution on the unverified word of an informant or someone who's been immunized," he said. "You certainly don't want to bring cases where you don't have the evidence to convict. I don't think juries will convict someone where you don't have facts."

James Landano was recently freed by a judge after spending 13 years in East Jersey state prison for the murder of a Newark police officer. He maintains that he was set up by a boyhood friend who wanted to protect himself and the other members of a Newark motorcycle gang.

Landano's lawyers, Neil Mullin, said the system rewards prosecutors for bending the law.

"If a lawyer like me takes 10 cent out his trust account he'll be disbarred, but in case after case after case we've shown that prosecutors concealed evidence, and nothing is done," Mullin said.

Arora said the machine's design is "similar to old rock

forebears in America in 1861 can associate with the war, said Ed Bearss, chief historian of the National Park Service.

The regional and racial divisions exacerbated by the "War of Northern Aggression," the term still used by some Southerners, are beginning to close, and the symbol of the old south are becoming more anachronistic.

Trucks with confederate flags on the rear windows and bumper stickers reading "Forget Hell" and "The South Will Rise Again" are becoming endan-

gered species. But the ironies of the south in transition still pervade Richmond, the capital of the confederacy, the name commonly given to the government established by Southern states after they seceded from the union of US

Europe.

Attendance never has been better, spokeswoman Barbara Hyde said.

"There always has been a high interest in the civil war, but in the past four years, has increased tremen-

dously," she said.

Stories about the war are reaching

more people than ever through a growing

number of battle re-enactments,

battlefield tours, books and specialty

magazines, and through the celebrated US movie "Glory," about the union's first

black regiment.

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Liverpool brush aside Charlton

# United beat Oldham for final



Oldham's Ian Marshall (right) and United's Bryan Robson fight for the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

LONDON, April 13. (Reuter): Manchester United beat Second Division Oldham 1-1 after extra time on Wednesday to clinch a place against Crystal Palace in the English FA Cup soccer final.

Substitute winger Mark Robins scored the winner in the 110th minute to take United to the final for the first time since 1985.

United, who drew 3-3 with Oldham in Sunday's first semifinal, again found their neighbours a hard team to beat and went into extra time with the scores level 1-1.

Brian McClair had given United a 50th minute lead but Oldham, who play in the League Cup final at Wembley later this month, equalised through star striker Andy Rijchle 10 minutes from the end of normal time.

Meanwhile, in First Division League action, Israeli striker Ronny Rosenthal celebrated his first full match for leaders Liverpool by scoring three times in their 4-0 victory at struggling Charlton.

The win kept Liverpool, who have a match in hand, three points ahead of Aston Villa, who won 1-0 at champions Arsenal with an 85th minute goal from Chris Price. It was only Arsenal's second home defeat of the season.

Liverpool's win provided some consolation for their 4-3 defeat in Sunday's other semifinal to Crystal Palace.

United, who will be making their sixth FA Cup final appearance since 1976, are still dangerously close to the relegation zone in the First Division. Bookmakers promptly made 4-7 them favourites to beat Palace.

Robins, himself a native of Oldham, smashed his home town's dreams within 10 minutes of his arrival on the pitch.

Oldham came close to taking the lead in the eighth minute when goalkeeper Jim Leighton just got a finger to a drive from Nick Henry that thudded against the United crossbar.

United, outrun for much of the

first half by Oldham's energetic attackers, were similarly foiled in the first minute of extra time when Paul Ince's 25-metre drive hit the bar.

In the League, Rosenthal, on loan to Liverpool from Belgium's Standard Liege until the end of the season, hit a classic hat-trick with a right-foot shot, a left-footer and finally a header.

England striker John Barnes made it 4-0 four minutes from full-time with a superb curling shot low into the net.

The defeat left Charlton, who share a ground with Crystal Palace, second to last in the League with 30 points.

Villa dealt a body-blow to Arsenal's slender title hopes when fullback Price fired past goalkeeper John Lukic but it was their own keeper Nigel Spink whom they had most to thank.

Liverpool face Nottingham Forest at Anfield tomorrow, and should maintain their lead against a side who have taken only one point from their last seven games — the worst run in manager Brian Clough's 15-year reign at the City ground.

Aston Villa took on Chelsea at home. Villa manager Graham Taylor said: "We have got to pray Liverpool lose two of their remaining six matches while we win ours... we have got to keep doing the things we are good at and hope Arsenal do us a favour when Liverpool go to Highbury next Wednesday."

At the other end of the table it is do or die for Charlton at Southampton. Lennie Lawrence's side desperately need a win at Queen's Park Rangers.

"We have one life left," said Lawrence. "If Manchester City beat Sheffield Wednesday at home, obviously anything less than a win at Southampton will make it impossible."

City will be playing a Wednesday side who have lost their last two matches and slipped back into the relegation mire.

Luton take on Everton at Kenilworth Road in a match crucial to the southern club's hopes of staying in the First Division.

Last season, they did the dou-

ble over Everton, winning 1-0 at home on their artificial turf and 2-0 at Goodison Park.

Cup finalists Palace continue their fight against relegation against Arsenal at Selhurst Park, and their Wembley opponents Manchester United take on Queen's Park Rangers at Loftus Road.

## Results

English FA Cup	
Manchester U	2
Oldham	1
Aston Villa	0
Charlton	1
QPR	1
Nottingham	3
Middlesbrough	2
Port Vale	3
Newcastle	2
West Bromwich	1
Weyham	4
Division Four	1
Hatfield	0
Midtjylland	1
Doncaster	0
E. Stirling	2
Stenhousemuir	2

## Standings

English League scores tables after Wednesday's matches (bolded = played, won, drawn, lost goals for, against, points)

English Division One	
Liverpool	51
Aston Villa	51
Everton	51
Arsenal	51
Tottenham	51
Chelsea	51
Coventry	51
Southampton	51
QPR	51
Notts Forest	51
Wimbledon	51
Derby	51
Sheffield Wed	51
Crystal P	51
Manchester U	51
West Ham	51
Luton	51
Charlton	51
Midtjylland	51

English Division Two	
Leeds	40
Sheffield U	40
Newcastle	40
Sunderland	40
Sheffield	40
Wolves	40
West Ham	40
Oldham	40
Ipswich	40
Port Vale	40
QPR	40
Leicester	40
Watford	40
Brighton	40
Portsmouth	40
West Bromwich	40
Barnsley	40
Walsall	40
Middlesbrough	39
Plymouth	39
Bradford	39
Stoke	39

English Division Three	
Port Vale	39
QPR	39
Leicester	39
Watford	39
Brighton	39
Portsmouth	39
West Bromwich	39
Barnsley	39
Walsall	39
Middlesbrough	39
Plymouth	39
Bradford	39
Stoke	39

English Division Four	
Leeds	39
Sheffield U	39
Newcastle	39
Sunderland	39
Sheffield	39
Wolves	39
West Ham	39
Oldham	39
Ipswich	39
Port Vale	39
QPR	39
Leicester	39
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## SPORTS

Walsh &amp; Co. launch bumper barrage

## England hold off West Indies



Walsh: took two wickets

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, April 13, (Reuters): Courageous batting by England saw them through a torrid bumper barrage on the opening day of the decisive fifth cricket Test against West Indies yesterday.

A first innings score of 203 for six when bad light stopped play early was probably less than had hoped for after winning the toss.

But they did well to reach that modest total after being battered by an unrelenting onslaught of short-pitched deliveries on a responsive pitch.

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The battered and bruised Smith was late on to a delivery from Walsh that moved back sharply and was leg before for 12 and Lamb, scorer of two centuries in the series, fell for 37 without addition. He was beaten by an Ambrose ball that swung away and gave Richards his

men. Aided by some good fortune, openers Alex Stewart and Wayne Larkins put on 42 for the first wicket before Stewart flashed at Walsh once too often and was caught for 27 by West Indies captain Viv Richards at first slip.

Larkins, twice out without scoring in the previous Test, played a dogged anchor role, taking three hours to score 50 before he went in similar fashion, caught by Carl Hooper a second slip off Curly Ambrose to make the score 101 for two.

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second catch at first slip. That brought together Nasser Hussain and David Capel, who took the score to 195 before Capel cut a long hop from Bishop straight at Desmond Haynes in the gully.

At the close, Hussain was unbeaten on 16 and Jack Richards on four. Walsh, Bishop and Ambrose took two wickets each.

**Scoreboard**  
ENGLAND first innings  
A. Stewart c Richards b Walsh ..... 27  
W. Larkins c Hooper b Ambrose ..... 30  
R. Bailey c Dujon b Bishop ..... 42  
A. Lamb c Richards b Ambrose ..... 37  
R. Smith lbw b Walsh ..... 12  
N. Hussain not out ..... 16  
D. Capel c Haynes b Bishop ..... 10  
J. Russel not out ..... 4  
Extras (4 lb 7 nb 14) ..... 25  
Total (six wickets) ..... 203  
Fallen wickets: 1-42 2-101 3-143 4-167 5-167 6-195  
Bowling (2nd date): Bishop 19-5-57-2, Ambrose 22-5-59-2, Walsh 10-4-46-2, Bapstite 13-4-30-0.  
To bat: P. DeFreitas, G. Small, D. Malcolm.

West Indies: G. Greenidge, D. Haynes, R. Richardson, V. Richards, C. Hooper, J. Logie, J. Dujon, E. Bapstite, I. Bishop, C. Ambrose, C. Walsh.



Sabatini: thrashed Caverzasio



Sanchez: blasted Rinaldi

## Sabatini, Sanchez win

## Bassett to face Graf

AMELIA, Island, Fla., April 13, (Reuters): Defending champion Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and third-seeded French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain posted easy straight-set wins yesterday to reach the quarterfinals of the \$30,000 Amelia Island Women's Open.

Sabatini, seeded second,

from sluggish start to oust 14th seed Cathy Caverzasio of Italy 6-4 6-0, while Sanchez Vicario crushed 16th-seeded American Kathy Rinaldi 6-0 6-1 in just 50 minutes.

Sabatini began to dictate play after trailing 1-3 in the first set and dropped just one more game after waking up in the fifth game.

"I was not doing very much in the beginning, just putting the ball in. I was staying back instead of being aggressive," said Sabatini, who will next play 10th-seeded West German Isabel Cuetos. "One of my biggest goals for this year is to be more aggressive," she said.

Sanchez Vicario ran off 10 successive games before allowing Rinaldi to get on the scoreboard. The Spaniard will next face sixth-seeded Canadian Helen Kelesi, a 6-2 7-6 winner over Argentine Bettina Fulco.

Kelesi's compatriot Carling Bassett-Seguso, scored her second consecutive upset with a 6-4 6-2 victory over 12th-seeded Italian Linda Ferrando and ear-

ned a quarterfinal meeting with world number one Steffi Graf, who advanced on Wednesday.

"It's really fun to be out here

winning matches again. My confidence has really improved," said Bassett-Seguso, who has been relatively inactive over the past two years.

"I don't really want to think

about playing (Graf) right now," added Bassett-Seguso, who failed to win a single game in her



Zvereva: reaches quarterfinal

## McEnroe out

NICE, France, April 13, (Reuters): Top seed John McEnroe has pulled out of next week's Nice Grand Prix tennis tournament because of injury, organizers said on Wednesday.

They said the American, ranked sixth in the world, was suffering from pains in the shoulder and spine and was unfit to play.

Frenchman Yannick Noah will take over as number one seed for the clay court event which starts on Monday.

## W. Indies batsman

LONDON, April 13, (Reuters): Scottish Minor League cricket club Greenock has signed West Indies batsman Gordon Greenidge for the forthcoming season.

Greenidge will also play for Scotland in the Benson and Hedges and NatWest Trophy one-day competitions.

He makes his debut for Scotland against England captain Graham Gooch's Essex on May 1 in the Benson and Hedges Cup.



Lendl: outclassed Mansdorf

## Gilbert outplays Masur

Czechoslovakia are to be played tomorrow.

■ Lendl and Edberg reached today's quarterfinals after difficult games yesterday.

Lendl overcame tournament qualifier Joseph Russell 7-6 (8-6), 6-2, while Edberg staved off a determined Alex Antonitsch 6-2, 6-7 (2-7), 6-1.

"The wind always gets up in the afternoon," Edberg said. "But I didn't expect it today. He played some good shots and he made some lucky ones in the tiebreaker, but I knew when I broke him in the final set that would be it."

Gilbert called his yesterday's match with West Germany's Alexander Mronz "a struggle" but he emerged with a 4-6 7-5 6-1 win.

"I had a hard time finding my rhythm today," Gilbert said. "I was fortunate to get the victory."

"He was up a break 4-2 in the second set, but I put together a decent game to get to 4-3. I wasn't playing well, but I played better and I forced him to make more shots."

Krickstein barely broke sweat yesterday in disposing of Canadian Grant Connell 6-3, 6-2, but Chang had problems with West Germany's Patrik Kuhnen.

## Avocet agrees to stop using Lemond's name

RENO, Nevada, April 13, (AP): The maker of a bicycle computer agreed to stop using two-time Tour de France winner Greg Lemond's name, photograph or likeness in advertising without his approval.

But the civil lawsuit filed against Avocet Inc. last month by Lemond remains in effect under the stipulation signed by both parties and approved Tuesday by US district judge Bruce Thompson.

Lemond endorsed the Avocet cyclometer in 1989 for a \$60,000 fee, but that contract ended last year and he didn't give his permission to continue using his image, according to his lawyer.

Lemond since has endorsed another bicycle

computer.

Michael Phillips, national sales manager for Avocet, based in Menlo Park, California, has said he does not know why the racer filed the lawsuit against his company because the advertisements in dispute depict several riders.

Nathan Jenkins, who represents Lemond, said that although the picture shows Lemond with a group of other racers during the Tour de France, "You can be assured that the American public will only recognize Greg Lemond."

The Avocet cyclometer functions as an odometer, speedometer, stopwatch and clock, measuring things such as how fast and far a bicycle has travelled per trip or during an extended time period.

## RESULTS of the Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

NJS  
1. Tlab & Sherin  
2. Mrs Musall & Dr Tawil  
3. Heneidi & Ezzedin  
E/W  
1. Mrs Pereira & D' Souza  
2. Mrs Sapre & D. Pereira  
3. Carlton & Harris

## Bayern triumph

BONN, April 13, (Reuters): Bayern Munich moved a step closer to retaining their West German soccer title with a confident 3-0 victory over Kaiserslautern yesterday.

The full League programme was brought forward two days to allow for an Easter break.

RESULTS of the Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

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## Cavaliers edge Bullets

LANDOVER, Maryland, April 13, (AP): Brad Daugherty scored eight of his 22 points in the fourth quarter last night, leading a Cleveland comeback that lifted the Cavaliers to a 102-100 victory over the Washington Bullets.

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## Celtics 139, Heat 118

Larry Bird scored 21 of his 40 points in the fourth quarter as Boston overcame an amazing Miami comeback with one of its own. After being outscored 47-31 in the third quarter and falling behind 94-92, the Celtics outscored Miami 47-24 in the final period.

## Knicks 108, Pacers 100

Patrick Ewing scored 40 points on 18-for-26 shooting and grabbed 15 rebounds as New York slowed Indiana's playoff drive. Ewing hit four key baskets in the final 4:23 after the Pacers, who led for less than two minutes in the game, tied the score 95-95 while the Knicks' All-Star centre was on the bench with five fouls.

## Jazz 107, Lakers 104

Karl Malone scored 45 points and grabbed the game's key rebound and Utah, after flowing a 23-point lead, came back to beat Los Angeles in the final eight seconds. John Stockton had 15 points and 23 assists as the Jazz evened their regular-season series with the Lakers 2-2.

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